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to speak on this issue, do you have closing?

SENATOR WITHEM: I would waive closing.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Closing is waived. Proceed to vote on adoption of the Withem amendment to LB 209. All those in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Madam President, on adoption of Senator Withem's amendment.

PRESIDENT MOUL: The amendment is adopted.

CLERK: Madam President, Senator Withem would move to amend. I now have AM0329 in front of me, Senator. (See page 719 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Withem.

SENATOR WITHEM: Yes, Madam Chair, members of the body, AM0329, again, is quite technical in nature. As you recall from discussion on General File, this is a compact that will be passed, hopefully, by twelve states in the Midwest. As with compact language, the language has to be identical as it goes through Legislatures. There was some proofreading done and there were some errors made in transcribing the compact language into LB 209. This corrects those. The most significant one is it adds a section saying the commission shall select annually, from among its members, a chairperson, a vice-chairperson, and a treasurer. The rest of it is renumbering and also indicates that the commission shall serve as a clearinghouse on information regarding higher education activities among institutions and agencies, and, finally, other than just some very generic proofreading types of things, this does add the emergency clause. The rationale for the emergency clause, when the bill was drafted, the compact was not up and running. It is now the fifth state has approved it and I think it would be beneficial for Nebraska to be involved, if we are going to become involved, to be involved in as early stage of consideration as possible. I would urge adoption of the amendment.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Withem. Seeing no one wishing to debate the issue, we will proceed to vote on the