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SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Landis. You've heard the closing on the committee amendments. We will now proceed to vote on those committee amendments. All those in favor of the committee amendments vote aye, opposed vote no. We're voting on the committee amendments. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of the committee amendments.

SPEAKER BAACK: The committee amendments are adopted. I would like to introduce some guests of Senator Lowell Johnson. They are in the south balcony. We have 16 fourth graders from Hooper Elementary School and their teacher. Would you folks please stand and be welcomed by the Legislature. Thanks for being with us. Mr. Clerk, the next item.

CLERK: Senator, do you want to open on your bill or your amendment?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Clerk, if I may, I would like to explain the bill and give people a chance to orient themselves to the bill and then we would take up the amendment if that's okay.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Beutler, you may proceed.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, as I just indicated, let me make an effort to orient you to the bill itself. Senator Landis did a good job of explaining to you why the bill is needed. He explained to you the failed effort of last year to complete this federal requirement with Senator Barrett's bill. We are now faced with a July 1, 1991 deadline on getting this done. That's it. There's no extension given and no extension is promised so we are a bit under the gun. In any event, let me ask you, first of all, to take a look at this chart that's been passed out to you because I think that's the easiest way to understand the three different categories of appraisers that are being created. Now what happened last year was that there were a couple of categories created and then existing appraisers were grandfathered in, to a certain extent, and the federal government would have none of that. And so we have had to go back and give them the two categories that they wanted and then, in order to preserve our existing appraisers to do as much as possible of the work that they did before, we created a third category, registered. That's the registered