

favor please vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted on the committee amendments? Please record, Mr. Clerk.

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

PRESIDENT MOUL: Committee amendments are adopted. Before we proceed with debate on the bill, itself, I would like to direct the senators' attention to the south balcony, special guests today of Senator Cudaback are 16 students from Shelton High School in Shelton, Nebraska with their instructors. Would you please rise and be recognized by the senators, and welcome to the Chambers. We will now proceed to debate on LB 720, itself. Senator Horgan, would you like to open on the bill? We will proceed with amendments on the desk.

CLERK: Madam President, Senator Smith would move to amend by adding the emergency clause. (FA115 appears on page 1776 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Smith.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Madam President, members of the body. Because of the exact situation that I outlined to you just a moment ago where we had a veteran returning from the Persian War who has an emergency situation but can't access the Veterans Emergency Relief Fund, would ask that you would consider adding the E clause, so that we could expedite this legislation and the enactment of it, so that those persons that may have an emergency situation can take advantage of it immediately. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Smith. Does anyone wish to speak to this amendment? Senator Conway.

SENATOR CONWAY: Thank you, Madam President. I simply rise in strong support of Senator Smith's amendment to add the E clause. I think, given the nature of the question and everything associated with it, there is still going to be a little lag time between now and the time that the Governor would sign it as well, and even that, I am sure, for people who are in need, it is going to be a long period of time, let alone waiting for the normal enactment date. So I strongly support the E clause, and thank Senator Smith for bringing that to the body's attention.