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the Wickersham amendment. Seeing none, Senator Wickersham, do you wish to close? Waives closing. We will now vote on the Wickersham amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of Senator Wickersham's amendment.

SPEAKER BAACK: The amendment is adopted.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Rasmussen would move to amend, AM4174, Senator.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Rasmussen.

SENATOR RASMUSSEN: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I believe this is in the Journal, is that correct?

CLERK: 2089, Senator.

SENATOR RASMUSSEN: Thank you very much, page 2089. Many of these amendments come in response to the dialogue we had on General File and were simply an effort to clarify what we're attempting to do. The first part creates a new section that makes it clear that in the first year of this legislation becoming effective that is the time that the teams will be formed and that's when they will establish their protocols, but the rest of the bill will not take effect until one year after. There was some concern about allowing enough time to make this transition and to get the teams operating to make sure we were still responding appropriately to the needs. So that's the first part of the amendment. It also creates another new section which simply makes it clear that law enforcement as we define it in the bill not only includes the local police department or town marshal but also the office of the sheriff which is already in the language of the statute. But then we simply add and make clear that it can also mean the Nebraska State Patrol. The third part of the amendment clarifies that we want to make sure as part of the protocol the teams identify exactly how they will be doing joint investigations as well as treatment plans and to assure that law enforcement agencies will be involved in the investigation. Finally, the amendment identifies the key elements of training that we would like to see happen in the annual training. We have actually wanted to do a good deal more work in terms of training for all those