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no. Call-in votes will be accepted. By the way, are we under call, Mr. Clerk?

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, 14 ayes, 2 nays to go under call.

SENATOR LANDIS: (Mike inadvertently shut off.)

ASSISTANT CLERK: Senator McKenzie voting yes. Senator Brown voting yes.

SENATOR LANDIS: The Clerk will record.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays on adoption of committee amendments.

SENATOR LANDIS: The measure is passed, the committee amendments are passed and with that we move to the introducer of the measure, Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, thank you, Mr. President, members of the body, actually Senator Janssen did explain not only the committee amendment, but the bill. This bill came to me via the Lancaster County Board because they were being asked by the state auditor or told by the state auditor that they might have to change their accounting system which had been really set up over a period of years, computerized and all of that and it's going to be a very costly operation. As I understand it, now they annually update and they assure compatibility with generally accepted accounting principles and so they thought that if they and the tax commissioner could work out the accounting system, that that would be acceptable and so that's really what this bill says. It says that allows the county board, with the approval of the tax commissioner, to select an appropriate accounting method for use with electronic data processing equipment. And the committee felt that this would, I guess that this would really apply to the larger counties that do have their accounting systems on data processing equipment and in fact I think I have a note in my files from a county out in central Nebraska saying they wanted to have the auditor still involved in their process. But I would ask that if you have any questions I'd be happy to try to answer them, otherwise I just urge your support.

SENATOR LANDIS: There are no lights on, Senator Schimek,