

Hillman, the remainder of the committee amendment introduction time.

SENATOR HILLMAN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and members, and also thank you, Senator Kristensen. In looking at the scenic byways, there is not currently a scenic byways program ready for implementation in the State of Nebraska. When the ISTEA federal legislation first came out, there was a component there that addressed different areas than what we had done in the past as far as road go and money for them and one of them is the scenic byways program. I attended the first national conference on scenic byways several years ago so this has been something that I've been really interested in, in looking at the tourism enhancement that I think could be done in the State of Nebraska with the scenic byways program in drawing people off of the interstate and throughout the state. What the amendment does is it puts into place into statute the means whereby when a scenic byways program and that criteria is designed and then decided in the State of Nebraska we can then implement it. Currently, the Department of Roads has contracted with a consultant. They are looking at the criteria and what that would mean and, hopefully, we will have a scenic byways program that we could be able to implement in the future, as I do think it would enhance the tourism industry in the State of Nebraska. So, with that, as far as the committee amendment goes, I would ask for its adoption.

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you, Senator Hillman also asks for the advancement of the committee amendment. Senator Kristensen, to close on the committee amendments. He waives. The question is the adoption of the committee amendments. Those in favor vote aye. Those opposed vote no. As this vote is going up on the board, Senator Cudaback has guests of the Legislature. They're from Lexington Middle School, 23 students. They're in the north balcony with their teacher. The Lexington Middle School students. Would you stand. Welcome to the Legislature. We're voting on the committee amendments to LB 264. Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays to adopt the committee amendments, Mr. President.

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you. Senator Hillman, on the measure itself.

SENATOR HILLMAN: I think we've covered one portion. The other