

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Madam President, I merely put my light on to indicate support of the committee amendments and urge the body to adopt them.

PRESIDENT ROBK: Thank you, Senator Maurstad. Any further discussion on the committee amendments? Seeing none, Senator Hartnett, do you wish to close? Closing is waived. The question before you is the adoption of the committee amendments to LB 193. All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Have you all voted? Please record.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Madam President, on the adoption of committee amendments.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: The committee amendments are adopted. Senator Maurstad.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Madam President, members of the Legislature, thank you. The, LB 193 is a fairly elementary change in the appointments of a planning commission member for a city or a village, and it simply changes the number of votes necessary to approve or remove a member of a planning commission member from a three-fourths vote of the city council or village board to a simple majority of the city council or village board. With that, I would certainly entertain any questions that anybody might have relative to LB 193.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Maurstad. Senator Bernard-Stevens announces that the following guests are visiting the Legislature, the eighth grade science class from Brady Public Schools in Brady, Nebraska, with sponsors. They are all in the north balcony. Will you stand to be recognized please. And, Senator Bernard-Stevens, your light is next.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Madam President, members of the body. That was not planned, by the way, but, nonetheless, Senator Maurstad, I do have some concerns on the bill, and I don't, and as I say, I don't necessarily want to take up 15 minutes, but I do, if it takes that long to increase my comfortability, this may be. Give me a rationale of why, if we have somebody on a planning commission, that if, say a simple majority, I believe the law is now...can put a person on, let's assume for a minute that that person is kind of a maverick, kind of a rogue, and votes differently than what people think, may be