

CLERK: Want to withdraw that.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Yeah.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: It is withdrawn.

CLERK: I have nothing further pending on the committee amendments, Madam President.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Is there any further discussion of the committee amendments? Seeing none, Senator Hartnett to close.

SENATOR HARTNETT: The committee amendments do two things: allows the people that are going to be affected by the rate increase to have a notice of the hearing. The other thing is if there is a negotiated agreement ahead of time, that there's a hearing to explain to everybody what is in the negotiation. That's what the two...that's what the amendment does.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Hartnett. The question before the body is the adoption of the committee amendments to LB 469. All those in favor vote aye, all those opposed vote nay. Please record.

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

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

SENATOR HARTNETT: What the committee amendment does or the bill does or did with the committee amendments, it simply allows a videoconference of...when there are two rate areas that are under consideration by the same time. So it's simply allows a videoconference maybe that rather than having two hearings at different places they can use videoconference. The conference will be live one place but other people at another area, rate area can be viewed in and so they can communicate back and forth. I think we've used it in committee hearings and so it simply brings, allows this process, Natural Gas Regulation Act, to use modern technology. With that I'd ask for the advancement of LB 469.