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is appointed by the county board rather than the city administration. So, with that, I'd just simply ask for the adoption of the committee amendment.

SPEAKER WITHEM: You've heard the closing. The question now before the body is, shall the committee amendments to LB 575 be adopted? All of those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of committee amendments.

SPEAKER WITHEM: The committee amendments are adopted. Any items filed to the bill?

CLERK: Nothing filed to the bill, Mr. President.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Okay. Senator Pedersen, you would be recognized to open on your bill, if you would choose to open on your bill.

SENATOR PEDERSEN: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, I'll be quick. I basically described the reasons for the bill. As it is now amended, this is a little bit of a flavor of, you know, county-city merger by having a member on the planning board appointed by the county commissioners. District 39, that I represent, is growing by 2,200 homes a year, and Senator Wittek and Senator Avery have the next two fastest growing districts in this Legislature. This is a bill that needs to be done and the representation is something that is in the true constitution. I would thank again all those people who worked so hard on it, and the ones who were really persistent were the people in the district and some people that worked very, very hard, constituents, both in the Bennington area, the northwest Omaha area, and down in the Millard area. These people kept on us until it came out right, and they all have agreed with this, that they like this type of a bill, too. So this is something that I think is good for the state of Nebraska and I hope you'll vote it on. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Pedersen. Is there discussion on the motion to advance LB 575? Seeing none, Senator Pedersen, you are waiving closing. The question is, shall LB 575 be advanced? All of those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.