

counties, and also with respect to consolidating particular work functions of the county, maybe doing work on roads together, that kind of thing. And it's asking that, in addition to the fiscal analysis and the public hearing, that all...that this sequence of events, this examination, take place by January 1, 1998, and that's the sum and substance of the amendment. I think there should be more detail and more encouragement on specific types of examinations, but we can talk about that again on Select File if there appears to be support for more detail. Thank you.

SENATOR WILL: Thank you. You've heard the closing on the Beutler amendment. The question is the adoption of the Beutler amendment to the committee amendments. All in favor vote aye, opposed no. Mr. Clerk, please record.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of Senator Beutler's amendment to the committee amendments.

SENATOR WILL: The amendment is adopted. Before proceeding to the next item, the Chair would like to recognize a guest of Senator Wehrbein's. Lloyd Ogilvie from Washington, DC, is under the south balcony. He is the 61st Chaplain of the United States Senate. If you would please rise and be recognized by the Nebraska Legislature. Mr. Clerk, further amendments to the committee amendment?

CLERK: I do, Mr. President. If I may, some items for the record.

SENATOR WILL: Proceed.

CLERK: Senator Hudkins has amendments to 108 to be printed; Senator Dierks amendments to 108 to be printed; Senator Hudkins to 256; and Senator Bernard-Stevens to 1189, all those amendments to be printed. Senator Avery to 1189. (See pages 1294-98 of the Legislative Journal.)

Mr. President, the next amendment I have to the committee amendments is Senator Beutler, AM3873. (See pages 1298-99 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR WILL: Senator Beutler, you're recognized to open on your amendment.