

indicated a commitment to look at the statutes. The Government Committee had an interim study on the issue. They have worked with the Nebraska Press Association, the Nebraska Association of County Officials, the Sarpy County Board of Supervisors, and the League of Nebraska Municipalities on developing LB 978, which is the amendment before us. It came out of the Government Committee unanimous and was on the consent calendar. The bill itself cites 14 instances in statutes for elimination or reduction of repetitive or unnecessary public requirements. The intent is not to reduce the public's right to know. I have a list of those various sections that are changed. For those that are interested and would like to view it, they can visit with me. I think that this certainly is a bill that we should address and is appropriate to address on LB 299 because of the timeliness and the commitment that was made last year. And so to make sure that we fulfill that commitment, I think that this is a good opportunity to amend it to this bill. And I would yield the balance of my time to Senator Landis.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature. This bill was on consent calendar the other day, and a last minute inspiration on my part to speak wound up not letting us get to this bill, and so I thought it was an appropriate thing to do. And since it's going to save a little money, we ought to do that whenever we get a chance.

SPEAKER WITHEM: I see no further lights on. Is there a closing? Closing is waived. The question is the adoption of the Maurstad amendment. All in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. Record.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 28 ayes, 0 nays on the adoption of Senator Maurstad's amendment.

SPEAKER WITHEM: The amendment is adopted. Anything further?

ASSISTANT CLERK: The next amendment I have is offered by Senator Withem. And I have a note to withdraw.

SPEAKER WITHEM: If that's what the note says, let's do it then.

ASSISTANT CLERK: The next amendment I have is offered by