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talked about the amendment.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Well, we'll be on the amendment. No problem this time.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Okay.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Seeing no lights, would you like to close on the amendment? Okay, the question before you is the amendment to LB 143, the committee amendment. Those in favor vote aye; those opposed nay. Mr. Clerk, please record.

CLERK: 36 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of the amendment.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: The amendment is adopted.

CLERK: I have nothing further on the bill, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Seeing no lights, Chair recognizes Senator Wickersham, to close on LB 143.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Well, Mr. President, if I may, in my closing I'll describe what the bill does, since I didn't do that before. And, Mr. Clerk, I'll try to get down the pattern here after a bit and not be quite so rambunctious in the process so we understand where we're at. Any rate, LB 143 (laugh)...you'd think after all these years I'd know that I'm supposed to open on a bill, wouldn't you? But anyway, LB 143 does now three things. One, it eliminates the task force due to the adoption of the amendment, for which we're grateful. It also saves the state, if it's adopted, approximately \$33,000 by allowing contracting with an entity, it will actually be with another state, for one part of the enforcement of the motor vehicle fuels laws. We have an issue of collection when a truck that is bearing fuel is diverted from one location to another location and it's necessary to keep track of where it went and determine whether the load that they deliver is subject to Nebraska's fuel tax or not. That function is currently performed by the Nebraska State Patrol under a contract with the Motor Vehicle Fuels Division of the Department of Revenue. It largely involves telephone calls and some recordkeeping. This bill