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opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays to place the house under call.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: The house is under call. The house is under call. Would those members please record their presence. Senator Schimek. Senator.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, Mr. President, I would accept call-in votes.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Schimek has indicated she will accept call-in votes.

CLERK: Senator Landis voting yes. Senator Brashear voting yes. Senator Lynch voting yes. Senator Bohlke voting yes.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 5 nays on adoption of committee amendments.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Committee amendments are adopted. Is there any discussion on...the call is raised. Further discussion on LB 113? The Chair recognizes Senator Matzke.

SENATOR MATZKE: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, now that many of you have returned to concentrate on this bill, I would urge you to read the committee amendment which is the same as the bill. There is one paragraph in here that raises a great deal of concern. It is paragraph (3), and this is going to be repetitious for some of you who were here previously, but I think we have to look at the language, and I'm going to read this paragraph with a little emphasis. Paragraph (3) of the committee amendment, which has just been adopted, says: "Vendors accepting the state's purchasing card shall obtain authorization for all transactions." Nothing wrong with that, but read on. It says, "Authorization shall be from the financial institution, card-issuing bank, credit card, charge card, or debit card company, or third-party merchant bank contracted to provide such service to the State of Nebraska." So the authorization comes through the credit card company. Then the next statement, I ask you if this cures the problem.