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or more regular jurors, he or she might be hindered in participating in the deliberations because questions that he or she had were not addressed during the proceedings by any of the regular jurors, therefore he or she would be a part of these deliberations with questions remaining unanswered. So what this bill would say is that the three alternates will participate in the proceedings to the same extent as the regular jurors, but they will not participate in the deliberations, unless called upon to replace one of the regular jurors. If you have any questions, I'm prepared to answer them.

**SPEAKER KRISTENSEN:** Mr. Clerk.

**CLERK:** I do have committee amendments, Mr. President, by the Judiciary Committee. (See Standing Committee amendments, AM0034, on page 350 of the Legislative Journal.)

**SPEAKER KRISTENSEN:** Senator Brashear, you're recognized to open on committee amendments.

**SENATOR BRASHEAR:** Mr. Speaker and members of the body, the allowance of time being more generous on the floor than in the Judiciary Committee, why, Senator Chambers has already spoken more.... I'm teasing, Senator Chambers. The purposes of this bill are so obvious and desirable that the hearing did not last long. It had all the affirmative votes of those voting, and no opposition. And that underscores why the Judiciary Committee also unanimously agreed there is no reason not to attach the emergency clause and get on with this clarification. And that's the sole purpose of the committee amendment is to add the emergency clause in order that if the bill has sufficient votes it can become effective sooner. I urge the adoption of the amendment and the advancement of the bill. Thank you.

**SPEAKER KRISTENSEN:** I've had a number of lights on, but they were prior to the committee amendments. I'm going to clear the board. Anybody who wishes to debate the committee amendments? Seeing none, Senator Brashear. He waives closing. The question before the body is the adoption of the committee amendment. All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Please record.