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SENATOR JANSSEN: All right, there were no opponents whatsoever?

SENATOR DIERKS: No.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Okay, thank you, Senator Dierks.

SENATOR DIERKS: You bet.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Further debate on the committee amendments? Senator Dierks, you're recognized to close. He waives closing. The question before the body is the adoption of the committee amendments. All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Record.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement or adoption of committee amendments, excuse me.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Committee amendments are adopted. Debate on advancement of the bill? Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Dierks, just...just one question, if I may. On the bottom of page 5, and this is a little unfair to you, but maybe you can make a general statement about it, it indicates that there are certain portions of the National Institute of Standards and Technology handbook that are...that are not adopted, is that...is that correct?

SENATOR DIERKS: I believe that's right. I think that...I think that some of them...I think originally the bill was passed in '77, I think, adopted some and left some up to regulation...rule and regulation by the department, and they can do that. It is possible for them to do that.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. Can you tell us, generally, whether those excluded sections represent any sort of lessening of current standards in any way?

SENATOR DIERKS: The Nebraska Department doesn't use price verification, which is Publication 19, endorsed by the Nebraska Retail Federation. They believe that the verification process takes less time and fewer samples and checks, mainly the price