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have the controversy. So I urge the body to adopt the first section.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Matzke.

SENATOR MATZKE: Thank you, Mr. President. Senator Hilgert is correct. This amendment really has two parts to it, two distinct parts to it. The first part, which is the first seven lines, deals with collective bargaining between employers, employees, and unions. It's been very clear all along in this bill that we do not want to do anything that would restrict or in any way impair the right of collective bargaining between a union and an employer; and the first section of this amendment, the first seven lines, preserves that right and I agree with the first seven lines. It is the last five lines, the second division, that I will oppose, so I have no objection to adoption of the first division, which is the first seven lines of this Amendment 744.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator. Further discussion? Seeing none, Senator Hilgert, you're recognized to close. Senator Hilgert waives closing. The question before us is the first part of the division of the committee amendments to LB 608, lines 1 through 7. Those in favor vote aye; those opposed nay. Please record.

CLERK: 35 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of that component of the committee amendments.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Question is agreed to. For discussion on the second part of the divided question, Senator Matzke. (FA51 found on page 979 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR MATZKE: Thank you, Mr. President. Now my purpose in standing up is to ask you to reject the last five lines of the committee amendment. I've discussed this with Senator Hilgert and I told him, quite frankly, I've only been a lawyer for 40 years and I absolutely cannot understand these five lines. (Laugh) I just am utterly dismayed by them. This is a very complex part of the law. Employment law is very complicated. We have some very fine people and very good lawyers in the Department of Labor and they tried to explain this to me and I