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PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Peterson. Further discussion? Senator Schmitt.

SENATOR SCHMITT: Yes, Mr. Lieutenant Governor, members, I just want to rise in support of Senator Preister's amendment and I wanted to make that very clear this morning because people came to me afterwards and said, well, we didn't know you were supporting that amendment in the absence of Senator Preister. And so I wanted to just clarify that, that I do support this amendment. I feel, too, that Senator Preister has done a lot of work on this. I think the people that were...had concerns with the bill and with his amendment I think has all pretty much been worked out, so I would just ask you to support his amendment and then support the bill. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Schmitt. Further discussion? Senator Preister, you're recognized to close.

SENATOR PREISTER: Thank you, Honorable President, friends all. I appreciate the attention and the support on this. Let me just in closing say that this amendment has been a bill that I first introduced in 1993. So for six years we've had a number of concerns and issues brought to us so it's not just an amendment that we're bringing on the floor at this time. Over the course of six years, we've attempted to address the issues and the concerns that were raised, and I think it's important to note that and that it has had three different public hearings. I am given a letter that the Governor sent to GASP, stating that the Governor also supports this, and I think that's important to note. Senator Schmitt, whose bill this is, just made note that he is also in support of the amendment that would go onto his bill, which I think is also important. I thank Senator Schmitt for his help in working on this issue and for certainly Senator Peterson and Senator Bohlke and Senator Landis and Janssen. For everyone whose participation has gotten us to this point, I thank you and I appreciate all the votes in passage of it and would just ask you to vote green. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Mr. President. The question before us is the adoption of Amendment 692 to LB 211. Those in favor vote aye; those opposed nay. Please record.