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Committee, in the context of NRDs next session. But whatever the rest of the outcome of the debate this morning is, I would certainly hope that you'll support the committee amendments to LB 142, at least as a beginning. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Wickersham. The question before us is the adoption of the committee amendments to LB 142. Those in favor vote aye, those opposed nay. Have you all voted? Please record.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 31 ayes, 0 nays on the adoption of committee amendments, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Committee amendments are adopted. Senator Matzke would like to announce the following guests are visiting the Legislature: 15 members of the Sidney Area Leadership organization and their leaders. (Introduced leaders.) They're seated in the north balcony. If you'd rise, we'd like to recognize and welcome you to the Nebraska Legislature. Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, the first amendment I have is by Senator Beutler. (AM0581 is found on page 782 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Beutler, you're recognized to open on your amendment.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Lieutenant Governor, members of the Legislature, I have a series of amendments, all of which constitute different solutions, solutions for this year, to the problem with the lost funding for the natural resource districts, and I would like to acquaint you with those solutions because I think they're all good solutions and I think that this year there ought to be a solution to the NRD problem. The NRD problem is essentially a twofold problem. One is the fact that they've been cut out of this particular bill by the constitutional amendment that has been passed, and it's absolutely correct, of course, that nobody can have an amendment which would take this money and give it directly to the NRDs. That would simply be unconstitutional under the amendment to the constitution. But the fact of the matter is that the NRDs, in