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are we still in control of this the way we should be? That's all I'm asking. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Senator Baker would like to announce the following guests are visiting the Legislature, 10 seniors at Twin Valley High School and their teacher (introduced teacher). They are in the north balcony. If you'd rise, we'd like to recognize and welcome you to the Nebraska Legislature. Senator Jensen, you're recognized to close on the amendment.

SENATOR JENSEN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. I appreciate the comments that were made. I...there are some things I think that we can even take a step further, ways of maximizing and even expanding the dollars that are there. Within the...the way I read the bill as it...in its present form, it does not allow for any partnering. We have issues that do come before certainly the governmental process where perhaps partnering with a foundation that you can even expand the dollars. We have a small bill before the Legislature, before the committee right now which with some seed money on...to a dental fund, we can get volunteer hours and volunteer dental care for individuals in the poverty areas. Gee, that would be just wonderful, and so for a 43 dollar...43,000 dollar expenditure, you can get 250, 400,000 dollars of dental work out there available to the poor citizens of this state. That would be a great thing to do. Right now that cannot be done. So I hope that in an interim and through a study that we can take a look at those issues, and we can even expand and take the dollars that are there and get more out of them, expand those, parlay those into even more opportunities for healthcare for the citizens of Nebraska. I appreciate the time on this and just would move or ask the body to adopt the amendment. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Jensen. The question is the adoption of AM0997 to LB 324. Those in favor vote aye, those opposed nay. Please record.

CLERK: 38 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of the Select File amendment.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: The amendment is adopted. Senator Smith.