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SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Jensen, Chair of the Health Committee is recognized for the opening on the committee amendments. (See Standing Committee amendment, AM0402, on page 654 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR JENSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body. The committee amendment is very simple. What it does do is take the term "limited service rural hospital", which was in the bill, and wherever that appears it changes it to "critical access hospital". And that is to use the same term that the federal law uses, that's all the bill does. This...or that's all the amendment does. And I would urge the adoption.... Oh, it also adds the emergency clause to the bill. I would urge adoption of the amendment and advancement of the bill.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Debate on the committee amendment? Senator Jensen, you're recognized to close. He waives closing. The question is the adoption of the committee amendments to LB 115. All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Record.

CLERK: 33 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of committee amendments.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: They are adopted. Debate on advancement of the bill? Senator Vrtiska, you're recognized to close.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The only comment that I would like to make is that this bill did come out of committee with no negative votes, and I would again ask for your advancement. Thank you.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: You've heard the closing. The question is, shall LB 115 advance to E & R Initial? All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Record.

CLERK: 33 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 115.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: LB 115 advances. LB 241.

CLERK: (LB) 241, Mr. President, by Senator Engel. (Read