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will pass over LB 585. LB 78, Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, on LB 78, I do have E & R amendments. (AM7113, Legislative Journal page 1416.)

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Smith.

SENATOR SMITH: Mr. President, I move the adoption of E & R amendments to LB 78.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Question is the adoption of the E & R amendments to LB 78. Those in favor say aye. Those opposed nay. The ayes have it.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, the next amendment is offered by Senators Bruning and Hartnett. (AM1266, Legislative Journal page 1461.)

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Bruning, you're recognized to open on LB(sic)1266.

SENATOR BRUNING: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, the amendment to LB 78, AM1266, makes several technical changes, all of which have been agreed to by the two main parties to this particular bill. That would be Metropolitan Utilities District and Peoples Natural Gas. Let me describe the changes, the technical changes briefly and, of course, I'd be happy to answer questions. Throughout the bill where the term "gas service" appears the word "natural" is inserted. Many of these terms, of course, were suggested to us by our erudite Committee Counsel for the Urban Affairs Committee, who understands how these bills should be drafted better than...better than Senator Hartnett and I in many cases. So "gas service" has been replaced with "natural gas service". We've replaced the term "bid" with the more accurate "submit a proposal". We have probably the most substantive change, we've removed the words "on the effective date of this act", because several...several of the franchises are in the process of being renewed. This will protect those franchises by making sure that they are included as well. We have also spoken with Senator Preister earlier today and we are in the process of redrafting this amendment ever so slightly, I understand the amendment's on its way down to the floor right