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discussion on the adoption of AM1415? Senator Wickersham, you're recognized to close. Senator Wickersham waives closing. The question is the adoption of AM1415 to LB 271. Those in favor vote aye, those opposed nay. Please record.

CLERK: 31 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of Senator Wickersham's amendment.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: The amendment is agreed to. Next item.

CLERK: Senator Wickersham and Coordsen would move to amend with AM1257. (Legislative Journal page 1679.)

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Coordsen, I'll recognize you to open on AM1257.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. I'm going to read AM1257. It's relatively short. It says, "Any political subdivision which owns real estate not used for daily operations of the political subdivision shall dispose of the real estate within five years after the real estate was acquired or within five years after the effective date of this act, whichever is later. This section does not apply to real estate owned by a political subdivision for recreational or expansion purposes." Introduced this legislation to make a point, and we're not going to bring it to a vote; we'll leave it up a little bit in the event that there are any other members of the Legislature who wish to make a comment on that. But this proposed amendment does in fact have a...I think a sound purpose, in that there are across the state of Nebraska governmental subdivisions who do in fact own real estate that might not be considered to be exactly in a parallel with what the reasons for that governmental unit to exist are. It's entirely possible that at some time in the future that we do need to make this requirement. We have ran into several instances in the Legislature, during hearings this year, in which it was brought to light that there was more land in control of either the state of Nebraska...divisions of the state of Nebraska, or divisions of local government than what was necessary for the conduct of the business of that particular entity. And that is probably a good idea, I think, to return that type of property to private ownership, if it becomes