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recognized to close on your amendment to the amendment. Senator Wehrbein waives closing. The question is the adoption of the Wehrbein amendment to AM1477 to LB 630. Those in favor vote aye, those opposed nay. Please record.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 30 ayes, 0 nays on the amendment to the amendment, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: The amendment is adopted. Further discussion on AM1477. Seeing no lights, Senator Wehrbein, you're recognized to close.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Thank you, Mr. President, members. I think I've explained that what it is, the same as it's been except it does delay implementation. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. The question is the adoption of AM1477 to LB 630. Those in favor vote aye, those opposed nay. Have you all voted? Please record.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays, on the adoption of Senator Wehrbein's amendment.

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

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, the next item is an amendment by Senator Wickersham, AM1478. (Legislative Journal pages 1698-1704.)

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Wickersham, you're recognized to open.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. The amendment that I'm offering you now is on your machine. It's multiple pages. It rewrites Senator Wehrbein's bill to do a couple of things, and they are substantive. One, it would cause his program to be funded by direct appropriations, rather than a credit that shows up on an income tax return. Why am I bothering to do that? It costs the same amount of money, whichever way we do it, doesn't it? If we appropriate \$2 million, \$3 million, \$4 million, whatever it takes, if we appropriate those dollars and they are spent to