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critical of Senator Beutler at all, there's 20 dollar fees all over the place in the state of Nebraska. I know our businesses fill out 20 dollar fee forms all the time, it seems like, and my point being I think a 20 dollar fee is a make-work employment act type fee by the time you figure printing and postage and handling. And in this case, there was 1,750 projected people that were liable for this. You have enforcement costs, so on, et cetera, and many are going to disregard that. And I am simply using this as a forum, as I said, to point out that 20 dollar fees don't do anything for the state of Nebraska. If we break even on them, I'd be very surprised. So that was my point. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Baker. Further discussion on the committee amendments? Senator Schrock, would you like to close on the committee amendments?

SENATOR SCHROCK: Mr. Lieutenant Governor, members of the Legislature, I'll be brief. I think we've had a good discussion this morning. I thank Senator Beutler for his input. I thank the members of the committee that have worked on this bill, thank those behind the glass involved in the industry who have helped in the input on this legislation. I think we should remember that animal waste is a valuable product used correctly. We don't want it in our streams. We want it on our fields. And, for those of you in the city who grow gardens, the best way you can probably help the production of your garden is to get some animal waste. We call it manure on the farm. And I think if you go to the right store, you can probably buy a bagful of it. So I think we've had a good discussion and I would appreciate your vote to advance this bill.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Schrock. The question before us is the adoption of the committee amendments to LB 870. Those in favor vote aye, those opposed nay. Voting on the committee amendments to LB 870. Please record.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of committee amendments.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: The committee amendments are adopted.