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SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you, Mr. Lieutenant Governor, members of the Legislature. The committee amendments, as Senator Hudkins alluded to them in her opening, do take care of any problem that anyone had with the bill. It strikes the original Sections 4 and 6. Now on page 4, beginning with "The" in line 11 through "act" in line 12 and insert "Each Nebraska winery shall pay to the commission twenty dollars for every ton of grapes crushed by its facility. Gifts, grants, or bequests may be received for the support of the Nebraska Grape and Winery Board, funds paid pursuant to the charge imposed by this section and funds received from gifts, grants, or bequests." And renumber the remaining sections and correct internal references throughout accordingly. The bill did come out of the committee, seven yes and one was absent. So with the committee amendments, there is no problem. I think it's a great venture and that will end my introduction of the committee amendments, and hope that you vote favorably for them because it does help the bill. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Janssen. For discussion on the committee amendments, Senator Dierks.

SENATOR DIERKS: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the Legislature. I just want to stand in support of the committee amendments as well as the bill. I think that this just provides another opportunity for people in agriculture in Nebraska to find a niche market that would be lucrative for them and help the overall rural community, as well as provide another fine product for the urban community. So I would support both the committee amendments and the bill. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Dierks. Discussion on the committee amendment to LB 477? Senator Janssen, you are recognized to close on the committee amendment.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you, Mr. Lieutenant Governor. Only to say that the committee amendments do make the bill unopposable to anyone. I think it's a great idea. We've got to have a little more diversity in our ag sector in this state and the committee amendments do help that. So hope for a positive vote on the committee amendments. Thank you.