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just ask for your support to advance the bill. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator...

SENATOR DIERKS: I'm sorry, to advance the amendment...attach the amendment.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Dierks. The question is the adoption of AM2276 to LB 957. Those in favor vote aye, those opposed nay. Mr. Clerk, please record.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays on the adoption of Senator Dierks' amendment, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: The amendment is adopted. For discussion on the advancement of LB 957, Senator Janssen.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you, Mr. Lieutenant Governor, members of the body. Not only farmers should be aware of what we're...what we're endeavoring to do here today. Urban...our urban constituents should also because this is something that not only affects the rural communities, it affects everyone in the world. The more we can do, the more we can do to hold down and eventually eliminate the carbon dioxide from poisoning ourselves and plant life, animal life, we should do everything we can, and this is a big step in doing this. I only hope that we could also sometime find out how we could eliminate the hydro...chlorofluorocarbons, which are the Freon and those types of gases, man-made gases, that I know they go in a different area, they go up into the atmosphere, where the carbon dioxide goes back into the...into the earth. Senator Hilgert touched a little bit on what's happening in Iowa and it's estimated that right now that there are...that Iowa farmers could earn as much as \$100 million next year by selling the carbon credits. Can you imagine what another \$100 million would do in the state of Nebraska, pumping that back into agriculture, not only for agriculture but for everyone in the state and everyone in the country? I understand, from listening to the testimony on the committee, that the no-till operations are the best way to keep these from getting out, because the more you work the ground the more emission comes out of the soil. And I think this would not be a hard sell for our agricultural friends in this state to