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SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Mr. President, I think maybe this is going the way it should, at least in part. And that is that some of you have been willing to express your opposition to the bill in principle. And, of course, that is the principle that we need to keep our eye on. I'm only concerned that if on...as has happened on General File that 25 people in here disagree with those of you who have expressed opposition, that we have to find a way to minimize the damage that this bill can do. And while I will indicate again that even if the amendment is adopted I would not support the bill because I think the bill is quite bad in terms of policy, it does head us off in directions that I think would be very, very expensive, as Senator Baker was starting to hint to you and as others have started to hint. But I simply don't think we can afford the kind of break that the bill represents as it's now presented to you for this small group of businesses. We can't afford it whether or not the policy would be any good or not, so I think there are two strikes against the bill. My amendment was simply an effort to reduce the cost and to be responsive to remarks that I heard Senator Kristensen make on General File. If you choose to reject the amendment, that clearly will not be the end of the issue, but it would reduce its cost. If the mood of the body is to reduce its cost to zero, that's even better. But if there's any risk that you're not going to do that, then the amendment that I'm offering to you will at least reduce the cost on a current basis.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Wickersham. The question is the adoption of AM2922 to LB 171. Those in favor vote aye; those opposed vote nay. Mr. Clerk, please record.

CLERK: 6 ayes, 17 nays on the amendment, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: The amendment is not agreed to.

CLERK: Senator Janssen...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: I'm sorry, Mr. President. Senator Janssen would move to amend, AM2992. (Legislative Journal page 1209.)