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basis would bring the department's workload more in line with the expected revenues under this bill. There are a number of other minor changes that are technical. Commercial breeders, dealers and boarding kennels are still subject to licensure, but pound and animal shelters are eliminated from the bill. The definition of a boarding kennel is clarified to exclude veterinary clinics, facilities operated by animal control authorities, and nonprofit animal shelters. The operative date of licensure requirement is changed to April 21, 2001. Initial and annual license fees are set at a flat \$100. More carefully defines the...this...this bill...this amendment more carefully defines the department's authority to conduct inspections and the department may follow the standards of the Federal Welfare Act for Humane Handling, Treatment, and Care of Animals. Provisions regarding disciplinary actions which may be taken against a license holder found in violation of the act remain unchanged, as well as administrative due process procedures from...found in the original bill. What this does is give the opportunity for the department, as Senator Price has indicated, to make inspections at their leisure and not be required to make them on an annual basis and, therefore, cut down some of the costs that would be incurred if they had to make an annual inspection as was required in the original bill. I would move for the adoption of the committee amendments, which in fact then become the bill. With that, thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Vrtiska. Debate on the adoption of the committee amendments to LB 825? Senator Vrtiska, you're recognized to close.

SENATOR VRTISKA: As I indicated, this amendment becomes the bill and is something that Senator Price has worked on for a long time and is now the bill and so I would ask for the advancement of the committee amendment.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Question is the adoption of the committee amendment to LB 825. Those in favor vote aye; those opposed vote nay. Madam Clerk, please record.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 29 ayes, 0 nays on the adoption of the committee amendments, Mr. President.