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straightforward amendment. Senator Bromm did an excellent job of describing the bill. It's needed. There were no opposition testifiers. It's just one of those things we need to do, and I would ask for adoption of the committee amendment. Thank you.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Senator Baker. You've heard the opening on the committee amendments. Senator Bromm...or Senator Baker, actually, your light is next. Senator Baker waives. Senator Bromm to speak on the committee amendment.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Madam President. Thank you. I thank Senator Baker and the committee. The amendment is necessary at this point. I support the amendment. The intent of the amendment was to try to to acquire some data and information before a short line would be considered for abandonment, but there are other ways to gather that information, and I don't think that we need it in this bill and so I support the committee amendment.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you. Is there further discussion on the committee amendments? Seeing none, Senator Baker waives closing, and the question is the adoption of AM0124. All in favor vote aye...or vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk...Madam Clerk.

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

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you. The amendment is adopted and we move to discussion of the bill. Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Schimek, members of the Legislature, Senator Bromm, if we could discuss a couple of provisions of the bill, I'd be grateful. The reason I wanted to talk about this, in part, is because this bill has a long history in this Legislature and I remember back years ago when we first debated it and, in fact, every time we've debated it, we've gotten into questions about the subsidization of processes and the subsidization of industries by the state and when that is appropriate and when that is not appropriate. And I think prior Legislatures have had the concern that, if in fact there was to