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amendments, because certainly he has spent a lot of time. We worked with him on this bill, but, Senator Bromm, would you like to take some of my time and close on this committee amendment?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Senator Bromm.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Vrtiska, and I'll summarize the committee amendment and, again, offer my appreciation to not only the committee and the committee counsel, but the former committee Chair, Senator Connealy, and workers' compensation administration for their input as well. The committee amendment replaces the bill. It reaffirms the current application of the Workers' Compensation Act to all but railroad companies and household domestic servants and certain agricultural employees. It exempts from the act employees of agricultural employers if they are related. It says, however, that if the ag employer employs six or more employees in each working day during any thirteen-week period, whether or not those weeks are consecutive, and if 40 percent or more of that employer's revenue comes from farm or ranch work done for another entity, that it is incumbent upon them at that point to carry workers' compensation insurance. It does also allow any employer, such as those that Senator Stuthman was speaking of, who choose to carry workers' comp insurance as a matter of their business or their benefit package for their employees, to do so. And I think the kinds of businesses that many would be most concerned about, many of them do carry it anyway. So that's a summary of the committee amendment. I do urge the body to adopt it. Thank you.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Senator Bromm and Senator Vrtiska. You've heard the closing on the committee amendment so the question is the adoption of AM0926. All in favor vote aye; all opposed vote no. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 42 ayes, 0 nays on adoption of committee amendments, Madam President.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: The committee amendment is adopted. We now return to the bill. Discussion on the bill? Seeing no lights, Senator Bromm, you are recognized to close on LB 210.