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the committee amendments.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members. First, in line 14 to 16 on page 2 of the original bill, it states the codes adopted into law as the state building codes can be amended pursuant to the act itself, with authorized political subdivisions, in Section 71-6406, to adopt variation the code to reduce unnecessary costs of a construction, increase safety, durability, or efficiency, or address special local condition. However, this does not address the situation of various other state codes or other codes authorized by state law. Therefore, the committee amendment adds an additional stipulation that the state building codes include each such other special building codes, or variation otherwise by state law. Reference would be the electrical code. Secondly, reference to the International Energy Conservation Codes are updated to move authorization from the 1980 code to the 2000 code. Finally, amendment places an operative date of January 1, 2004 on the bill, to prevent sufficient time for the new codes to be adopted or updated by the local political subdivision before the law takes (inaudible). That's what the amendment does. I'd take any questions, and ask for the adoption of the amendment and the bill.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Hartnett. We're open for discussion on the committee amendments to LB 643. Is there any discussion? Seeing none, Senator Hartnett, you'd be recognized to close on the committee amendments. He waives closing. The question before the body then is the adoption of the committee amendments to LB 643. All in favor please vote aye, and opposed nay. Please record.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of committee amendments.

SPEAKER BROMM: The committee amendments are adopted. Do we have anything further on the bill, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Nothing further, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BROMM: Senator Hartnett, you're recognized to close on