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provides a purpose for the act. The bill strikes all references to the Partnership Council and the Policy Cabinet. The bill uses the term "Nebraska Health and Human Services System" to collectively refer to the three departments created in the act. The bill permits the Governor, after January 1, 2006, to name the Policy Secretary as a chief administrative officer, CEO, if you will, for the system. The bill removes any...many provisions that were part of the original partnership act that are no longer deemed to be relevant or helpful to the statutory organization and functioning of the system. The bill makes technical changes, transfers other provisions, and outright repeals several sections. There are committee amendments to the bill, Mr. President. Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER BROMM PRESIDING

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Jensen. Senator Jensen, you'd be recognized to open on the committee amendments to LB 467.

SENATOR JENSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The committee amendment reinstates provisions related to the Policy Cabinet that were stricken in the bill as introduced, and revises duties of the Policy Cabinet. It reinstates three sections relating to the existence and the...of the application of the documents existing prior to the creation of the Health and Human Services System. It reinstates stricken language related to the sharing of information among the departments and a Policy Secretary, which the department suggested was necessary to retain. The amendment changes the date after which the Governor may direct the Policy Secretary to serve as chief administrative officer for the Health and Human Services, from January 1, 2006, to January 1, 2007, and changes the term from "direct" to "designate." These are the technical corrections to the bill as introduced. I would ask for the adoption of the amendment...of the committee amendment. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Jensen. We're open for discussion on the committee amendments. Is there any discussion? I see none. Senator Jensen, you waive closing. The question before us then is the adoption of the committee