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recognized to close on the amendment.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, been an interesting debate. Thank you for your time. And thank you, those of you who have supported it. Obviously, we have found some people who prefer this particular configuration as it was laid out, and some people who don't. I guess that's been the nature of the struggle all along the way. I would urge the adoption of this amendment. This, I think, is a realistic approach to having gambling where we have it, to containing it where it is, to advancing it or enlarging it where it needs to be, in a competitive sense, as an industry that is a fact of life in the state of Nebraska. I understand there are issues with regard to the Nebraska Future Trust concept. If you note, that all is specified. This is enabling language constitutionally, and it says, as established by the Legislature. So there is in fact an opportunity, just as it was done in Iowa. And then the Legislature created a 501(c)(3), authorized it, which has given money to governmental subdivisions and government agencies, and to private 501(c)(3)'s, organizations. We have the opportunity to establish how this money will be handled. We have the opportunity to define revenue under the language as proposed. While I understand that there are those who may have liked...may have preferred an adjustment of some of the language, the events and circumstances in which we deal are that this is where we are. I believe the language works. I hope that it's responsive to what has been concern expressed. And I would urge the adoption of the amendment and the advancement of the LR. Thank you.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Brashear. You've heard the closing on the proposed amendment. All in favor of adopting AM2102 please vote aye, and opposed nay. A roll call vote has been requested. We are under call. Members, you...let's have the members check in, please. Please call the roll, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: (Roll call vote taken, Legislative Journal page 2079.)  
19 ayes, 22 nays on the adoption of the Select File amendment,  
Mr. President.