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SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you, Senator Baker.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Janssen. Any further discussion on the Baker amendment? Seeing none, Senator Baker, did you wish to close? He waives the opportunity to close. The question before the body is adoption of FA1458, offered by Senator Baker to LB 559. All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. The question before the body is the Baker amendment, FA1458, to LB 559. Have you all voted? Have you all voted who care to? Record please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of Senator Baker's amendment.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The motion was successful. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next amendment I have is by Senator Thompson, AM2564. (Legislative Journal pages 600-606.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Thompson, to open on AM2564 to LB 559.

SENATOR THOMPSON: Thank you, Mr. President. This amendment is a bill that has been advanced by the Health and Human Services Committee without any dissenting votes. It was heard a few weeks ago. And what it puts in place is what 33 other states already have, and that's a donor registry in Nebraska, so that the organ procurement organization can know the wishes of people when they get their driver's licenses, and be able to transmit that information so that families and the personnel who work with people in the situation of being a potential organ donor and making those decisions can have in mind the knowledge of what their loved one wanted. In fact, most people who sign up at their driver's license time indicating they wish to be a donor probably think that information is stored somewhere for access later on. And essentially, it's at DMV, but it is not transmitted beyond that. This bill would set up the procedure for the Department of Motor Vehicles to share that information with a federally designated organ procurement organization in Nebraska. And this is the way these lists generally are managed