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SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay, so both you and the committee feel comfortable that we're not, in fact, jeopardizing federal funds with the committee amendment.

SENATOR BROWN: With the committee amendment, and I intended to rise to support the committee amendment and make that point.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay.

SENATOR BROWN: But the two things that the committee amendment does are very important things. Redacting the personal information about the testers so that they can be used again is quite important in terms of being able to have a good testing program, and then allowing the agency to be able to recover their actual costs is important in not jeopardizing their ability to do their work.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Thank you. It looks like a great little bill. I'm glad you found a way to do it. Thank you, Mr. Lieutenant Governor.

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: Thank you, Senator Beutler. The Chair recognizes Senator Brown. She waives. The Chair would recognize Senator Brashear to close on the committee amendments.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Mr. President, members of the body, I urge the adoption of the committee amendment. With the two minor changes, but important changes that have been discussed by Senator Beutler and Senator Brown, as eliminating the concern with the fiscal note, I think all systems are go, if you agree. I urge the adoption of the amendment and the advancement of the bill. Thank you.

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: Thank you, Senator Brashear. The question is the adoption of the committee amendment to LB 625. All those in favor please vote aye; those opposed vote nay. Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 30 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of committee amendments.