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the committee amendments themselves. Seeing no lights on, Senator Brashear, you're recognized to close on the committee amendments to LB 998.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Thank you. Mr. President, members of the body, it has been a few moments since I opened on the committee amendment and there has been a far-ranging discussion, so let me remind you that the committee amendment makes three technical changes to LB 998. First, the amendment clarifies that providers who have furnished proof of financial responsibility prior to the operative date of the act will be qualified under the Nebraska Hospital Medical Liability Act. Secondly, the increases provided for in the coverage requirements under LB 998 apply to policies issued or renewed after the operative date. Third, we have moved the operative date to January 1, 2005. I would note again that the Judiciary Committee, your Judiciary Committee, advanced this bill and the pending amendment on a unanimous vote. I would ask your adoption of the amendment and the advancement of the bill. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Brashear. You've heard the closing on the committee amendment, AM2697. The question before the body is, shall that amendment be adopted? All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Question before the body is adoption of the committee amendment to LB 998. Have you all voted who care to? Record please, Mr. Clerk. I'm sorry, Madam Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 29 ayes, 0 nays on adoption of committee amendments, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The motion was successful. The amendment has been adopted. Anything further on the bill itself, Madam Clerk?

ASSISTANT CLERK: Nothing further, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Back to discussion, advancement to E & R Initial. There are no lights on. Senator Don Pederson, you're recognized to close on the advancement.

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: Thank you, Mr. President. I appreciate