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bill. The current statutes relating to the administration of notaries provides that both the Governor and the Secretary of State share such administrative duty. In practice, however, as you can well imagine, the Secretary of State has performed this administrative function for a long, long time. The committee amendment would delete the language referring to the Governor, and leave responsibility for the administration solely with the Secretary of State. The green copy of the bill proposes an increase in the surety bond requirement for notaries public to \$25,000 from \$10,000. The committee amendment reduces the amount of the increase, such that the requirement would be \$15,000. I forgot about that compromise earlier, or I would have forecast it. Finally, Section 5 of the bill is amended to clarify that the principal for whom a notarial act is being performed must be in the presence of the notary public, and the notary public must either personally know the principal or have the satisfactory means of identifying the principal prior to performing the notarial act; no calling and confirming by telephone afterward. I would urge the adoption of the committee amendments, and the advancement of LB 315. I thank you for your time and attention.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Brashear. You've heard the opening on the committee amendments, offered by the Judiciary Committee and Chairman Brashear. Open for discussion on those amendments to LB 315. There are no lights on, Senator Brashear. You're recognized to close on the committee amendments if you care to. He waives closing. The question before the body is adoption of committee amendments to LB 315. All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. The question before the body is adoption of the committee amendments. Have you all voted who care to? Record please, Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays on the adoption of committee amendments.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Committee amendments are adopted. Back to discussion of the bill itself. There are no lights on. Senator Brashear, you're recognized to close.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the