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Senator Schrock's amendment to the committee amendments.

SPEAKER BROMM: The amendment is adopted. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Beutler would move to amend the committee amendments, AM3104. (Legislative Journal page 1058.)

SPEAKER BROMM: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Bromm, members of the Legislature, the basic purpose, as I understand the entire bill, is to adopt the federal regulations with respect to what we need to do to have a state program. There's really nothing in the bill that directs the department to do that. The department is enabled to do that, but not directed to do that. And I think that the whole purpose is to tell them to do those things that are required, so that Nebraska can have its legitimate program and the federal government will not take over the program. So all this amendment does is to say, "The department shall implement the regulations required for state programs as identified in 40 C.F.R. 123.25, as such regulation existed on January 1, 2004." Thank you.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Senator Chambers, on the Beutler amendment.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I support Senator Beutler's amendment. And unless there is additional discussion, there's nothing that I will add to that at this point. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Schrock.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, on surface, I don't seem to have a problem with this, although we haven't had a chance to analyze the amendment. And so committee counsel is talking to Senator Beutler. Like I said, we haven't had a chance to take a look at the amendment, and so I'm just killing a little time here. What's the weather doing outside? Anybody have an answer to that?