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SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Louden. Senator Hartnett, on the committee amendments.

SENATOR HARTNETT: I simply rise...want to rise again to support the committee amendments. And I...the thing that we tried to emphasize within the committee is that we don't use any state funds at all. It will have to be from gifts of foundations and so forth. So that was our goal, is that...and the director has control. He doesn't have to run the cemeteries. He can turn them over to private industry to run them. So we're giving quite a bit of flexibility to our director. So I'd ask for the adoption of the amendment and the advancement of LB 1231.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Hartnett. Further discussion on the committee amendments? Senator Schimek, there are no lights on. Do you wish to close on the committee amendments?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: I think I'll just say that this amendment becomes the committee amendment. It provides for three separate funds for doing construction and operation and administration and so forth. And it also sets up a...actually, a seven-member advisory board to oversee this operation. And I must reiterate, no revenue from state General Funds will be remitted to any of these three funds that we're establishing in the bill. With that, Mr. President, I will turn the rest of my time back to the Chair.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Schimek. You've heard the closing on the committee amendments offered by the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee to LB 1231. The question before the body is, shall those amendments be adopted? All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Please vote who care to. 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: The committee amendments are adopted. Anything further on the bill, Mr. Clerk?