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are adopted.

CLERK: The next amendment, Mr. President, Senator Erdman, AM3631, Senator. (Legislative Journal page 1577.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Erdman, on your AM3631 to LB 391. Senator Erdman.

SENATOR ERDMAN: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, if you'll recall back, the discussion that we had on LB 391 on General File related to the broader issue of lowering the age of majority. After some discussion on General File, we came up with a narrowed-down focus, if you will, on what it is that we were attempting to accomplish during this legislative session, and that was to allow the minors in the state of Nebraska the ability to contract for necessities. And that's the language that is currently before you in LB 391, with the adopted amendment that we offered on General File. There are amendments that are filed to this amendment. And I'm imagining that we're going to have some discussion. It's kind of fluid, if you will, at this time. We're trying to figure out where some of the members of the body are. We believed that we had something that was workable. But I believe we're going to have an opportunity to find out if we are there or not, and then we'll proceed accordingly. AM3631 clarifies the underlying bill, that instead of just being any minor, it would be a minor above the age of 15, or 15 and above. That would be the new floor, if you will, for a minor to be able to contract, or may not be able to disavow a contract. The language is the same language that was on General File that was adopted by this body. The only additional language that's a part of AM3631 is the age, and that is the 15 and above. So essentially, you would have an individual between the ages of 15 and 19 be given the opportunity under the law to do this. We're going to let some members speak, and listen to their concerns, and then we will proceed accordingly. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Erdman. You've heard the opening on AM3631. Mr. Clerk, amendment.

CLERK: Senator Beutler would move to amend Senator Erdman's