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as it was, by the public at the last election. I ask for the adoption of the committee amendments.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Landis. You've heard the closing on the committee amendments. The question before the body is, shall those amendments be adopted to LB 66? All in favor of the question vote aye; opposed, nay. We're voting on the adoption of the committee amendment. Record please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 39 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of committee amendments.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Committee amendment has been adopted. Back to discussion of the advancement of LB 66. Open for discussion, advancement to E & R Initial. There are no lights on. Senator Don Pederson, you're recognized to close.

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: Thank you, Mr. President. I have appreciated the discussion we've had on this bill. And I trust that we all have a better feeling and understanding as to what we are doing by this bill. The voters at the November election told us that we need a bill, and I think we've done our part. And we've certainly had the cooperation of all of the parties that would be involved in fashioning something that will be used in implementing this constitutional amendment, and I appreciate all of the help that they've all given. I'd also like to acknowledge the efforts of Friends of Amendment 1, who went out and were able to put out the word. As I said, they had a budget of \$225,000 to do this, and they only fell \$200,000 short of that. But I think if you have a good measure and you have public support...and certainly the newspapers and the various communities have done a good job of getting the word out individually, and that's the way good legislation like this can occur. So I thank you all for your cooperation. We only have 138 years of history in Nebraska, which isn't a long time. But what we do have we need to preserve, and this bill will give us the opportunity to do that. Thank you very much.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Don Pederson. You've heard the closing on the advancement of LB 66. The question