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to the Department of Agriculture. The Department of Agriculture really will be the managing group, but then they contract with somebody to do the day-to-day work. Also it talks about the five years, and also the bylaws have to include something that pertains to the open meetings law. And I think we did not have that in the original because the council right now does have in their bylaws that their meetings are all open to the public, that anyone could come and even make a presentation to the board by getting on the agenda. So we think it's very important that the meetings are open to everyone, that everything is above board, so we do support this and then I like it better this way where the...one of the qualifications that the Department of Agriculture requires of this beef entity, or this entity, is that it would be required to have open meetings laws, and it says that would substantially equivalent to Open Meetings Act so it does not make it a private entity that has to apply to the act but there will be equivalent requirements of the Open Meetings Act. And then the last change, it talks a little bit about research. It just clarifies some things in there about the...may carry out any research activities for purposes consistent with the purpose of it act. So it just clarifies it a little bit, the research, because we did say the research has to be done by a qualified research institute like the University of Nebraska, and preferably the University of Nebraska, and also then refer...or takes away the reference to the beef council. So I am in support of the total amendment. I think it makes it better, and I thank Senator Beutler for his input in working together. We did pull it off just to try to work it out on the...off the floor, and that's what Senator Brashear has asked us to do, and I ask you to support this amendment.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Kremer. (Visitors announced.) On with discussion. Senator Beutler, there are no further lights on, so you're recognized to close. He waives closing. The question before the body is adoption of the Beutler amendment, AM0817, to LB 150. All in favor of the motion vote aye; opposed, nay. The question before the body is the Beutler amendment, AM0817, to LB 150. Have you all voted on the question who care to? Record please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 28 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of