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it, and you have a situation where you need to have some additional authority for the cities to be able to make that decision. They still can do that, as they could in the past, but they can also make other decisions. And so it's good legislation. The easement amendment that was offered by the committee I think was very good and I would urge your support of the amendment and the bill.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Senator Byars. We are on discussion of AM0978. Seeing no further lights, Senator Friend, would you like to close on your amendment?

SENATOR FRIEND: Thank you, Madam President. Only to say one of the questions Senator Engel asked earlier was in regard to the...in regard to the sidewalk issue as far as situations I think in respect to South Sioux City, for example, keeping in mind though that the sidewalk issue deals with only second-class cities, Senator. Senator Engel, and that's...I just wanted to point that out. I guess I would ask, short of that, I would ask for the adoption of AM0978. Thank you, Madam President.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Senator Friend. You've heard the closing on AM0978. The question is the adoption. All those in favor vote aye; all opposed vote nay. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 32 ayes, 0 nays, Madam President, on the adoption of Senator Friend's amendment.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: The amendment is adopted. Mr. Clerk, are there other amendments?

CLERK: Senator Price would move to amend, AM0989. (Legislative Journal pages 1036-1037.)

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Senator Price, you're recognized to open on your amendment.

SENATOR PRICE: Madam President and members of the body, I appreciate the cooperation between Senator Friend's office and his staff, and Senator Aguilar's staff, and my office in working