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are present or accounted for. The question before the body is adoption of FA361 to LB 72. All in favor vote aye; opposed, nay. Have you all voted who care to? Record please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 36 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of Senator Chambers' amendment.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The amendment has been adopted. I do raise the call. Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Chambers would move to amend with FA362. (Legislative Journal page 440.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Chambers, to open on FA362.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature. Watch me now. This is not tricky. It may seem so. But when we're giving definitions, whether the word we're defining is plural or singular, we always say what that term as an entity means. For example, in LB 548, which we discussed the other day at great length, we talked about mandated projection costs. The word "costs" was plural, but we said "means." It's taken as a unit. So what I would do, on page 2 in line 5, I would strike the word "mean" and put in its place "means." What we're defining here is "security services." We're not defining one service; we're taking "security services" as a unit. So we're saying, this unit means, m-e-a-n-s. I want it to be grammatically correct. I want it to follow the pattern that we have in the statutes whenever we are defining a term. The term may have one word, two words, three words. So, a simple amendment, which would make the construction of this definition consistent with the way definitions are written in the statute, regardless of what is being defined. My understanding is that the brain trust of the Legislature, excluding me, will get together and give us a rewrite. And I'm not opposed to that being done. We will then look it over and see if it is more acceptable. I think they want to know if Senator Kopplin will agree with it; they want to know if Senator Langemeier is for it; Senator Pahls, if he's for it. And you know they're going to make sure that Senator Byars is in favor of it. Senator Byars doesn't miss anything, except, every now and then, a vote.