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the stated rate per units sold in Nebraska, which are calculated to be equivalent to the rates paid by the participating manufacturers of the MSA. With that, that pretty well takes care of the bill. I'd be glad to now take up the committee amendments.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Jensen, you're recognized on the committee amendments.

SENATOR JENSEN: Like I said, LB 574 embodies language from the Tobacco Master Settlement Agreement. It relates to tobacco manufacturers not participating in the MSA, and except for a few minor changes is identical to the MSA model statute. The committee amendments add more technical language to the bill. It really adds a little bit to the definition and then requires that all manufacturers also must put their money in escrow and the committee amendments really is just technical amendments to the bill, itself. Senator Chambers, last week when this came up, or around the first of March, mentioned that he had a little problem with some of the language in the finding section. I would like to go on record saying that I'll certainly work with him between now and Select File if he does have some problems with the language, and we can bring it up at this time. I would certainly urge the body to adopt the committee amendments to LB 574.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Jensen. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Senator Jensen would move to amend the committee amendments, Mr. President. (See AM0619 found on page 817 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Jensen, you are recognized to open on your amendment to the committee amendments.

SENATOR JENSEN: All the amendment to the committee amendment does is add the emergency clause.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator. For discussion on the amendment to the committee amendments, Senator Wehrbein, would you like to be recognized. Discussion on the amendment to the committee amendments. Senator Jensen, you're recognized to