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public, and not just to retailers. And since the goal is to get this information into the hands of the ultimate consumer, the bill was amended to add animal shelters, animal control facilities, or any retailer. And there was no objection to the addition of these groups. And in fact, some of them wondered why they had not been included in the first place. Well, I had drafted the original bill, and did not include them. So that is one part of the committee amendment. It expands those who will transfer these animals...it expands the number and name of those who will provide this information. Later on in the discussion I will tell why spaying and neutering, which is really sterilization, are such important procedures that ought to be performed on these animals. The second part does mandate spaying and neutering of all cats and dogs released for adoption or purchase from any public or private animal shelter or animal control facility operated by a humane society, a county, a city, or another political subdivision. And the ones who wanted this amendment added were the Nebraska Humane Society, the Capital Humane Society, the National Animal Control Association, which are the entities that are covered. They spay and neuter these animals anyway. But to make sure that this is a requirement, and anybody who is going to adopt one of these animals will be aware of it, we put it into the statute. I will go into more detail about situations that may occur where there is no agency of this kind. But that will be something I can go into greater detail on. What I'm asking at this point is that when Senator Kremer, if he wants to give me time to discuss the committee amendments, since they become the bill, you will be alert to the fact that what is being discussed will be the committee amendments, but these committee amendments will become the bill. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Chairman Kremer, you're recognized to open on the committee amendments to LB 274.

SENATOR KREMER: Thank you, Mr. President. As Senator Chambers has stated, the committee amendments do become the bill. And he has...a couple of points that I was going to make is, he has already explained that, a dealer really refers to somebody that is a...sells to a wholesaler, not to a retailer. And his