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request, it is a statement that there is...if there is a death and there is not a physician present but there is someone who is there on the basis of a religious tenet but that does not mean it is guidance to the board and to the medical examiner. That does not mean that there must be an autopsy. However, if any of the first eight circumstances on page 6 do exist, such things as death by violence, death by suicide, death under suspicious or unusual circumstances, death by disease or agent constituting threat to public health, those type of circumstances, an investigation may be made and if that investigation leads to further suspicion an autopsy must be conducted. What this is is, I guess, a statement of policy the board and the medical examiner to have a certain sensitivity and respect for religious practices, and I think when you are dealing with a subject such as this, such as death and you are dealing with family situations, I would certainly hope that that sensitivity would be there automatically. But I have no objection to adding that sort of statement of policy if it makes people feel more comfortable with the law and more comfortable with the powers that we are now giving. So I would move for adoption of this amendment.

SENATOR CLARK: It is my privilege in the north balcony, there is 13 adults from Salem Church, Steinauer, Nebraska, Mrs. Gilbert Richardson and Reverend Roy Siewert. They are from Senator Merz District. Will you stand and be recognized, please? The question before the House is the adoption of the Fowler amendment to 222. All those in favor vote aye. All those opposed vote nay. Have you all voted? Senator Fowler.

SENATOR FOWLER: I think it is quicker to have a Call of the House than to wait for votes to trickle in.

SENATOR CLARK: A Call of the House has been asked for. All those in favor vote aye. All those opposed vote nay. Record the vote.

CLERK: 8 ayes, 0 nays to go under Call, Mr. President.

SENATOR CLARK: The House is under Call. All senators will take their seats. All unauthorized personnel will leave the floor. Will you please check in. While we are waiting for the people to check in, I would like to introduce...there is approximately fifty members of the WIFE organization, that is Women Involved in Farm Economics. Mrs. Norma Hall is their president. They are in the north