

telephone or write the Election Commissioner or County Clerk to have the mail registration form to be sent to a person's home. Secondly, you change the words "applicant" and "application" form to "registrant" and "registration" form throughout the bill. Three, you request some additional information by the mail registration form. You ask for the sex of the registrant, a phone number, information regarding the specific location of the house in the case of rural areas and information if the individual was previously registered. Fourth, you require that the registration form must be postmarked at least 20 days before the election if the individual wants to vote in that election. Fifth, change the words "certificate of registration" to "notice of registration" when somebody receives notice of their successful registration through mail sent by the Election Commissioner and, lastly, provide for the use of an official voter registration by mail form to be made available by the Election Commissioner or the County Clerk. Those six amendments were uniformly adopted by the committee with the suggestion of a number of election officials. I would move for their adoption to LB 439.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Withem, please. Then Senator Vickers.

SENATOR WITHEM: Yes, Mr. President, members of the body, I rise to ask you to adopt the committee amendments to LB 439. Senator Landis did a good explanation of what exactly they were. Let me explain just a little bit about why they were needed or where they came from. Basically the purpose of the committee amendments is to make it easier for the people that are out there in the field registering voters, your election officials, your election commissioners and your county clerks to administer this bill. These were worked out originally with Steve Wiitala and Beatty Brasch. Individually they came to us with some concerns about the way the bill is written and then later after the hearing with Jack Mills of the Nebraska Association of County Officials. As a result of these amendments these entities are all in support of LB 439 at this time. The NACO amendments answer one of the perennial objections to this type of legislation and that is, how can the county election official when they get a form through the mail verify if all the information is correct? One thing we do that the NACO they told us they needed was the phone number, a very simple sort of thing and we said, sure, put the phone number on the