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from the past bill. Anyone wishes to comment on the Health and Human Services committee amendments? If not, will that take care of it, Senator Wesely? The motion is to adopt the committee amendments. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. We are voting on the adoption of Health and Human Services committee amendments to LB 925. Please record your vote. Have you all voted? The Clerk will record the vote.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays on adoption of committee amendments, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The amendments are adopted.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Vard Johnson and Senator Wesely would move to amend the bill. (Amendment appears on pages 1074-76 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT: Senator Wesely. Vard Johnson, excuse me, Senator Johnson.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: I'll run these amendments real quickly, Mr. President, members of the Legislature. They are on your desk. Greg Wright, the Director of the Department of Health has met with the Nebraska Hospital Association and the Nebraska Medical Association to work out some refinements of the existing cancer registry law. These amendments reflect refinements. I have gone over the amendments pretty carefully. I have no misgivings or problems of what they contain and I offer them to you for your consideration and adoption.

PRESIDENT: Senator Wesely, do you wish to speak on the amendments?

SENATOR WESELY: Yes. Mr. President and members, this amendment would do two things. One would be to mandate that this cancer registry work with the existing statewide cancer registry program, so that was going to be done anyway. I don't think there is any problem with that. One thing it does do is exempt essentially the smaller hospitals from having to go through this reporting process. I think about out of the hundred or so hospitals maybe three-quarters of them would have a lesser degree of reporting under this amendment. Those that would have a greater degree of reporting would be the larger hospitals and also have most of the cancer cases. So as a compromise with the hospital