

will identify the bill for our records.

SENATOR MOREHEAD: Excuse me. Sorry, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Senator, first item I have are E & R amendments.

SENATOR HALL: Mr. President, I would move the E & R amendments be adopted.

SENATOR LANDIS: You have heard the motion. Those in favor say aye. Opposed nay. They are adopted. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Morehead would move to amend the bill.

SENATOR LANDIS: Senator Morehead, on your amendment.

SENATOR MOREHEAD: Now we are on the right track. Great. Colleagues, at the end of last week right before we adjourned, I placed on your desk a voluminous amendment to this bill, and actually what it was was a rewrite, not entirely, but there were so many small technical amendments that we figured that it would be much easier for you to start fresh and read this in its entirety if you were so inclined rather than to try to wade through and insert the amendments where they were. I appreciated very much the fact that you, the majority of you, indicated your acceptance of this idea as a forward step and move for the State of Nebraska, a commitment, if you will, at a time, and an investment at a time when we all know that we are facing declining revenues and depressing thoughts like tax increases or program cuts. I am excited and happy today to say that we are going to end our day on a positive note, something very positive and forward thinking for the State of Nebraska. So after all the haranguing and hassling that we have been going through today, you can go home smiling because in supporting this issue you know that you have looked into the future and made a bright step and move for the State of Nebraska. On your desk we have done a section by section analysis of this amendment as it stands. It is, if you will, a "trust me" because the technicalities are now right. If you are in favor of this concept, you can rest assured that there have been many hours spent with people such as Mr. Belden Daniels who has come back and has helped establish many of these authorities. We have met with many of the educational institutions. We have met with many business entrepreneurs in the state along with the Governor's staff and Legislative staff so that this has been