

been a lot of work into this bill and I really commend Senator Bernard-Stevens and the work he's done on this bill, and the committee. It's a good bill. It's been a long time coming and it's needed in the State of Nebraska. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Pedersen. Any other discussion on the amendment by Senator Bernard-Stevens? Seeing none, Senator Bernard-Stevens, would you like to close? Waives closing. We'll now vote on the Bernard-Stevens amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 22 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of Senator Bernard-Stevens' amendment to the committee amendments.

SPEAKER BAACK: The Bernard-Stevens amendment is adopted.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Pedersen, your amendments go away then, Senator. Is that right? Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: It is withdrawn.

CLERK: Senator Wesely, likewise with yours. Thank you. That's all that I have to the committee amendments.

SPEAKER BAACK: It is withdrawn. We are now on the committee amendments. Any discussion on the committee amendments? Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Just briefly, I wanted to respond to Senator Beutler's question. It actually is on...in Section 42 when we have nothing in sec...the parts of the bill shall be construed to require the State of Nebraska, any agency of the State of Nebraska or any of the entities which operate under rules and regulations of a state agency which either employ or contract for services, as Social Services workers or employer contract with only persons certified pursuant to the other sections of the bill. That's the...those are the areas. There's another reference on page 37, line 5, that I would need to...that you would check as well, Senator Beutler, for that reassurance.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Bernard-Stevens. Senator Rasmussen, on the committee amendments.

SENATOR RASMUSSEN: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I just