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LB 776

committee amendments?

SENATOR BARRETT: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body, the committee amendments to LB 776, which is a bill to allow individuals and partnerships to opt into workmen's compensation coverage, simply provide that the opting into coverage does not make an employee status relationship as such, only an employee situation as per the limited benefits of workmen's compensation coverage. Also it clarifies when coverage begins and when coverage is terminated. Those are essentially the committee amendments. I would move the adoption.

SPEAKER NICHOL: You've heard the motion. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays on adoption of the committee amendments, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The committee amendments are adopted. Senator Barrett, would you like to explain the bill please.

SENATOR BARRETT: Yes, Mr. President. The bill, as I suggested earlier, does allow individual employers, partners, and self-employed persons the privilege of opting into workmen's compensation coverage should they so desire. The person choosing the option would have to actually be engaged in the business on a substantially full-time basis and file a written notice of election with the insurance carrier. It came out of committee with a unanimous vote. It is, in my opinion, an excellent opportunity to provide workers comp. coverage to people who have never before been eligible. I would move the advancement of the bill as amended, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Chambers. Senator Chambers, would you excuse me. We have an amendment to the bill. May we handle that first? Okay. Thank you.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Pappas would move to amend the bill. The amendment is on page ...