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adopt this amendment. It is only fair to the employees. You can't give them a 5 or 7 or 8 percent increase in one hand, and then on the other hand turn around and give that money to the insurance companies. You are taking it away from them and remember that 8 percent increase they got, they are paying federal tax on it, they are paying state tax on it, they didn't really get that full percent but the insurance company will get their full premium dollar. So this year let's override the Governor on this, but next year I would like to see the Insurance Committee come in and say, hey, the Legislature is appropriating this money, the Legislature ought to have something to do with the negotiations, and guess who volunteers to help? I will be happy to be on any special task force committee that looks into state employees insurance premiums, put in all my own time on it. I will be more than happy to do it because I want to see the state employees get a fair break. I want to see the insurance companies get a fair break but I want to see the taxpayers get what they are paying for, too. Thank you, Senators.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Hoagland. Senator DeCamp. The question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do. The question is, shall debate cease? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Debate has ceased. Senator Warner, would you like to close? Senator Warner does not like to close so we will vote on the bill. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. We are voting on the override of 880A. Those who wish to override vote positive, those who do not want to override vote negative. I believe there are 2 excused. What did you say, Senator Marsh?

SENATOR MARSH: I ask for a Call of the House. Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: (Record vote read. See pages 2168-2169 of the Legislative Journal.) 30 ayes, 16 nays, Mr. President, on