

CLERK: 28 ayes, 1 nay, Mr. President, on the motion to adopt the committee amendment.

SENATOR CARSTEN: The committee amendment is adopted. Do we have anything further on the bill.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senators Lynch and Chizek would move to bracket LB 1250 until March 25.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Senator Lynch, please.

SENATOR LYNCH: Mr. Chairman and members, I reluctantly suggest that we do this. But I think we should. What we are talking about, even though it appears that we are trying to work out a resolution to a problem, being frank no problem exists. It is interesting that we should, in the bill, provide in a very hard way and obvious way negating the employees right to negotiate on their own behalf, and then offer an amendment that might appear to soften that up a little bit, as was passed, so that we might be willing to accept then the appropriations bill. One of the things that has happened...that hasn't happened, that is even more important, and the reason we offer the bracket motion, and that is that no public hearing was held regarding this proposal. I think that is a pretty sacred kind of a procedure for all of us to understand. I think it is important that we do understand the ramifications of this. Some of us may and have voted for the amendment, my good friend, Senator Lamb, for example, for different reasons than I voted against it. But I'm sure I will and have to not support LB 1250 because of the things I've already mentioned. So I'd suggest that you consider this. Consider the rights of the employees. Consider the procedure that has long been established since 1965, and consider the fact that in anything as important as this, that involves so many people, there should at least be a public hearing. So I would move and hopefully ask for your support for this motion to bracket.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Thank you, Senator Lynch. Senator Landis is next, but before Senator Landis starts, the Chair, if I may, Senator, introduce to you two guests of Senator Lynch. Mr. Lee Sesemann and Mr. Roger Caffelt. I'm not sure where they are at, but if you would stand...here they are, under the north balcony. We would like to recognize you, welcome