

as did Senator Warner, and although some of the numbers that he had we felt were projections, it still was enough there to recognize that it might be a real burden to a certain small segment of those people. And so I rise in support of the committee amendments, and I thank Senator Warner for the work he has done, and that we've come to a general agreement that it was never our intent. We said that. The Governor said that before he signed it, that if we thought that it had unintended consequences, we would come back and make that correction. That is what we are doing now with the committee amendments and with the bill, and I will be voting for both. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Bohlke. Senator Vrtiska.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Thank you, Madam President and members of the body. I was one of those people who supported 718 last year because I had understood that certainly there was a great deal of concern about the consequences to some of the local pharmacies. Do you know, since that time, I've, as I am sure other members of the body have have had a great deal of input by various people who are on long-term drugs, and who are, in fact, finding themselves financially strapped because of the cost. And I think this, I know there is not going to be everybody satisfied, but I feel like this is a fair compromise. It is going to certainly not make everybody happy but will, in some way, take some of the unfairness that developed because of the bill that was passed last year. So I am going to support this bill. Hopefully, those people who contacted me about their extremely high cost of medication will be more pleased to have this done, and as was indicated earlier, there was a suggestion or a promise that in case it did end up doing what was feared might happen, there would be a correction made, and I am pleased that Senator Warner and various other people have made that move now and are trying to, in fact, make some fairness into this. So I will certainly support both the amendment and the bill. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator. Is there any further discussion on the committee amendments? Seeing none, Senator Fisher, do you wish to close. Closing is waived. The question before you is the adoption of the committee amendments to LB 531. All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Please record.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays, Madam President, on the adoption of the