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binding. It is no new requirement on all the insurance companies, but if you adopt Senator Stoney's amendment, basically you remove the decision of abortion only coverage away from the Legislature, away from the women who are employees, and you leave it with the insurance companies who, out of convenience, may choose not to offer this to state employees. I think as long as we are just establishes intent language, it is not legally binding, it is just guidance, that we should provide the guidance that this option must be available. Essentially what Senator Stoney should have done is strike my amendment, because by making it optional with the insurance companies, he has really prevented the option that we tried to provide with my amendment. I would have to oppose it.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Does anyone else wish to speak to the Stoney amendment to the Dworak amendment? We have several lights here, but they are from other....the question has been called for. Do I see five hands? Okay, I do. All those in favor of ceasing debate vote aye, opposed vote no. Record.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Debate has ceased. Senator Stoney, do you wish to close on your amendment?

SENATOR STONEY: Well, Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, Senator Fowler in his remarks advised that his amendment provided the choice for the employee and I am just attempting to provide a choice for the insurer that would provide this coverage. Now I know that many contract with the state and they bid on these particular packages and plans for the state employees, and I think once again that it is a dictate that this coverage must be provided and I think again it should be left with the individual insurers who would provide the coverage to make that determination. Therefore, I ask for the adoption of the amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is the adoption of the Stoney amendment to the Dworak amendment. All those in favor of the Stoney amendment vote aye, opposed vote no. Record the vote.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 9 nays on adoption of the Stoney amendment, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, the motion is carried. The amendment

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