

adopt the amendment that you talked about as the amendment to the committee amendment. So the question is the adoption...Okay, Senator Landis, you wish to discuss it?

SENATOR LANDIS: Yes, Speaker Nichol, I just want to say that this inserts the phrase "twenty feet of the entrance of any polling place room, if inside the polling place building, within 100 feet of any voting booth." That is the technical amendment to clarify the intent of Senator Withem.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Okay, we are voting on the amendment to the committee amendment as explained by Senator Landis. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 19 ayes, 0 nays on adoption of Senator Withem's amendment to the committee amendments.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The amendment to the committee amendment is adopted. Now we are back to the committee amendment. Senator Withem.

SENATOR WITHEM: Yes, Mr. President, members of the body, what we have here is the committee amendment, is the classic compromise which Senator Chambers referred to as that that is accepted by a sniveling coward, I think was his terminology in committee, when I agreed to accept this amendment. The bill, itself, has a three-pronged attempt. The number one attempt, and the general goal of the bill is to help protect the integrity of the voting process. In recent years we have had a lot of the media attempting to determine how people are voting on election day so they can make projections early in the evening about how the elections will go. They do this by sending their representatives to the polling place, and when people come out, almost literally come out of the voting booths in some cases the media asks them, who did you vote for. They then make these...gather this information together. This is what they use to make their projections. My bill, LB 114, as drafted was based on a model of legislation that was passed in the State of Washington which had three goals. Goal number one was to greatly discourage the practice of exit polling. Secondly, it was to move these exit pollers clear away from the voting booths so that those who run the elections can more efficiently conduct the election process. Goal three was, also while we are doing this, is to move the