

jurisdiction over certain types of questions. It has jurisdiction, for example, over questions relating to what can go into collective bargaining agreements, comparability with other systems elsewhere, those kinds of things, the terms that go into collective bargaining agreements. That goes to the CIR and there are certain other minor categories of things that go to the CIR. The arbitration bill, this bill is not intended as a substitute for the CIR, as a duplication of the CIR or for getting around the CIR. It is for settling other questions, other questions that right now have to go to the district court instead of being settled by arbitration. And I represent to you that if it is necessary after lawyers from both sides have looked at it to clarify that in an amendment to the bill, we will do it, because that is not the intent of the bill. I don't believe that that happens under the bill the way it is now, but I am certainly willing to clarify it. So we're building in an alternative to the district court, not an alternative to the CIR. And I hope at least that that point is clear to you and I hope you see the merit of what is being suggested to you along the lines of arbitration generally. And I hope you will put on this amendment and advance the bill and give it some very careful thought and let people come in and argue it to you. And I'm going to bring management people in to argue it to you. I don't know where they are today, but they should be here because arbitration is to their benefit too and I guess that is what annoys me most of all about what is going on today. It's not labor-management. It's good for everybody. Please consider adopting the amendment. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The question is the adoption of the amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 15 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of the amendment.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The amendment is adopted. Do you have anything else on it?

CLERK: Mr. President, I have nothing further on the bill.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Back to the bill. Senator Beutler, are you handling it?