

Schmit, Harris and Vickers. (Read title.) Introduced on January 8, referred to Business and Labor, advanced to General File. There are committee amendments.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Senator Barrett. Senator Barrett, will you take the committee amendments, please.

SENATOR BARRETT: Thank you. Mr. President and members, the committee amendments to LB 799 were made necessary to prevent our unemployment or employment security statutes from falling out of conformity with the federal statutes. It is a technical amendment brought to our attention by the Department of Labor. It is a conformity issue. I would ask that the body adopt the committee amendments.

SENATOR CARSTEN: The motion is to adopt the committee amendments. All those in favor vote, those opposed vote no. Excuse me, Senator Wesely, are you on the bill?.

SENATOR WESELY: No. On the bill.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Okay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays on the adoption of the committee amendments, Mr. President.

SENATOR CARSTEN: The committee amendments are adopted. Now, Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you. I will be very brief. LB 799 was brought to myself and Senator Schmit and then Senator Labeledz, I think, and Senator Vickers and a few other people, Senator Harris, to provide for a problem at Harris Labs where they have volunteers that come in and do patch tests, like my church does that, other groups do that. It isn't intended to be any kind of a long term, full-time job, but, nevertheless, some people, there was some doubt about whether or not they might qualify for unemployment comp. So this would provide an exemption just making it clear that they would not. It deals with that problem of volunteers potentially trying to qualify for unemployment comp benefits when that is really not the intent.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Senator Harris, please.

SENATOR HARRIS: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I