

coverage and services with respect to the Medicare supplement policies. That is for the folk over 65. You know we regulate Medicare supplements. Give it up. That is a mandated service area. Forget it because self-insurance has driven out these good laws. Give up, as Senator Marsh puts out, mandated coverage for newborn children from the moment of birth for the first ten days. Give up mandated coverage for family members and for students of families who become mentally ill or mentally deranged. That is a mandated coverage today. Give up the option to allow mandated alcoholism, the mandated option for alcoholism coverage. Give up the noncancel ability of medicare supplement policies for deterioration of health. That is a mandated service. Give up mandated standard applications for group health insurance coverage. Give it up. Let the bad drive out the good. I tell you the better law for us to pass and the better resolution for us to pass is a sense of this Legislature memorializing Congress to give us our rights back to regulate and tax self-insurers. That is the better act for us to take and not for us to debase our own currency of setting some standards for those good folk in our state who look to insurances for their health care needs. My amendment alters the shape of LB 895. My amendment would allow us to continue whatever we thought was right in our collective hearts for mandated health insurance coverages without being married to what happens in ERISA. I think my amendment is reasonable. I ask its adoption.

**SPEAKER NICHOL:** The question is the adoption of the Vard Johnson amendment to the amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

**CLERK:** 8 ayes, 23 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of the amendment to the amendment.

**SPEAKER NICHOL:** The amendment to the amendment fails. Any other amendments to the amendment? Okay, Senator Hall, your light is on. We are back to the amendment.

**SENATOR HALL:** Mr. President and members, I am one of those fellows that introduced this mandating benefit laws and I am one of those guys that Senator DeCamp would schedule for the last day of public hearings in Banking and Insurance, and he always gave me at least 10 minutes, but I opposed the bill, 895, as it was in its original form. Senator Johnson called