

SENATOR CARSTEN: Is there any objection? The motion is withdrawn. Now we are back to the advancement of the bill as amended. Senator DeCamp, do you want to speak? Okay, on the bill, Senator Hoagland, please.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Well, I would just like to stand in opposition to the bill. I think we are perfectly capable in this legislative body of making decisions on a case by case basis as to whether or not certain kinds of insurance coverage should be mandated. In the eight years I have been in the Legislature, we have heard three or four such bills. In some cases we have accepted the bills, we have required the coverage be mandated. In other cases, alcoholism comes to mind, particularly we have rejected the proposal and decided that a certain kind of coverage should not be mandated. I think we can trust ourselves and we can trust future Legislatures to make intelligent decisions on those issues. And there is really no point in passing a bill today that says that we no further...we no longer in the future can consider such mandates without as well as adopting a mandate repealing whatever it is we do here today. I see no reason for us to yield our discretion on this issue and for that reason as well as the others that have been given by Senator Johnson and Senator Marsh and others who oppose this bill, I would not support it myself and recommend that you don't either. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CARSTEN: On the motion to indefinitely postpone, I will go down the list. Senator DeCamp, do you want to speak on that motion?

SENATOR DECAMP: Yes, I have an amendment that he is putting in there right now.

SENATOR CARSTEN: You are next on the...oh, okay.

SENATOR DECAMP: Mr. President and members, I just noted a little technical problem in the bill. I would like to offer an amendment. The bill refers to the federal law, comma, as amended. It is my recollection, in fact, I feel certain of it that you can tie it to "a federal law" but not, comma, as amended. That is supposedly an improper delegation of legislative authority, so in order to make sure the bill has no constitutional problems, I would like to offer the amendment to strike those words "as amended".