

think that for the most part they are supportive of the concept. And putting this vehicle into place may, down the road, help us work our way through this crisis for credit for farmers. So, with that, Mr. President, I'd move for the adoption...or the advancement of LB 849.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Thank you, Senator Johnson. The question before us is, shall LB 849, as amended, be advanced to E & R Initial? All those in favor vote aye, those opposed vote no. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 30 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to advance the bill.

SENATOR CARSTEN: LB 849, as amended, is advanced. Next is LB 958.

CLERK: Mr. President, 958 was a bill introduced by Senator Hoagland. (Read title.) It was originally read on January 13 of this year; it was referred to the Business and Labor Committee for public hearing. The bill was advanced to General File. There are committee amendments pending by the Business and Labor Committee, Mr. President. (Standing Committee amendments are found on page 842 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR CARSTEN: Senator Barrett, are you going to take the committee amendments? Senator Barrett.

SENATOR BARRETT: Thank you, Mr. President and members. LB 958, as introduced by Senator Hoagland, establishes some maximum and minimum weekly workers compensation benefits, basically two sections, changing the benefits themselves, and the second section is what is known as a COLA, providing, commencing in 1989 weekly income benefits for total disability or death payable to a future beneficiary whose time of injury was after January 1 of 1987. The committee felt unanimously that this step was much too great at this point and terribly, terribly expensive, an idea whose time had not come. I would urge the body to adopt the committee amendments. Thank you.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Senator DeCamp on the committee amendments. Senator Hefner, on the committee amendments. Senator Barrett, do you have anything further in closing on the committee amendments?