

Legislative Journal.) 25 ayes, 18 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of the amendment.

PRESIDENT: The Pappas amendment is adopted. We are back to the Landis amendment as amended. Senator Wesely, do you wish to speak on the Landis amendment as amended?

SENATOR WESELY: Okay. I understand Senator Scofield is going to have an amendment in a minute so I will just take a minute. Mr. President and members, just want to explain to you, we do have a special committee on Economic Development. That has been formed to work on economic development issues in the next year and, frankly, don't give us the job of working on Initiative 300. We are more than happy to let others share in this issue and have an effort undertaken. We are working on a number of bills that deal with a vast array of programs and initiatives, incentives, on economic development. And, frankly, Initiative 300 would completely take (interruption)...

PRESIDENT: Excuse me, Senator, the call of the house is raised. I'm sorry, thank you.

SENATOR WESELY: ...completely take the entire month between now and the 15th and it would divert us from some other initiatives that I think are going to be very positive and supported in the state. Now, as far as how we deal with Initiative 300, it seems clear to me that some joint effort of senators, of the executive branch and of the private sector needs to be brought together. And I am suggesting that Senator Landis and Senator Conway both have initiatives here that make some sense. We need to draw in both government...state government and the private sector because they are very concerned about it, but a balance is essential. You can't go into this with any question about integrity or any question about bias. You have got to have both sides involved and you have got to have people that have the time. So I am suggesting that we have to recognize the limitations senators have in terms of time. So anybody who wants to serve on this committee ought to be ready to give up a lot of their personal time to do the job because it is going to be important. Plus, the fact that the private sector will be involved helps because, hopefully, they will have more time than we do. So some balanced, unified approach with some integrity is going to be valuable to us and I support the efforts to come up with a solution