

CLERK: (Roll call vote taken. See page 950 of the Legislative Journal.) 15 ayes, 27 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of the amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Motion fails. To the Miller amendment, for discussion purposes, Senator Baack, your light is on. Senator Moore. Senator Baack, please.

SENATOR BAACK: Yes, Mr. Speaker and members, I will only speak for just a few seconds. I have already spoken on this amendment and my position is very, very clear that I am not...

SPEAKER BARRETT: The call is raised.

SENATOR BAACK: ...that I am not in favor of mandatory mediation. And I think that the defeat of that amendment was a good one, and I think that we should now proceed to adopt the Miller amendment and then proceed to move the bill on. With that, I will close. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Moore, please. Senator Moore passes. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, I'm not going to characterize the last vote, as I do on occasion. But I am very disappointed that it went the way that it did. I'm sure a lot of you are aware of how stressed farmers are, and I'm sure fewer of you care. And I think even fewer than that are willing to do what we, at the state level, can do. When I go out there I have to say a lot of times, as we all know, that the significant aspects of the problems of agriculture have to be handled at the federal level. But, occasionally, there are things that we can do at the state level. The cop-out can't be given on a bill such as this that the federal government is handling it and handling it in a way that benefits the farmer. I know that Senator Miller is going to be able to say, after his vote, it's Miller time, because he'll win, because he's asking you to do that which is easy, that which the bankers approve of. The only ones who will be upset are those who have nothing to offer, except their debts and the likelihood that they are finished in farming. When has a politician ever cared about somebody who doesn't have money? At one time, in the history of this country, farmers had money. They never had a whole lot of numbers, compared to rest of the