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LP 360, 958, 1099, 1138A  
LR 315

**SPEAKER BAACK:** The amendment fails. We will now proceed on the agenda to Item 6 and to General File and we'll be on LB 1099.

**CLERK:** Mr. President, may I read some things first?

**SPEAKER BAACK:** Yes, you may, items for the record. Call is raised.

**CLERK:** Mr. President, the items for the record include a study resolution by Senator Robak, LR 315, will be referred to the Executive Board. Amendments to be printed to LB 1138A by Senators Rogers and Morrissey, and Senator Robak to LB 958. (See pages 1589-94 of the Legislative Journal.)

Mr. President, LB 1099. It's a bill introduced by Senators Withem, Labeledz and Will. (Read title.) Bill was introduced on January 14 of this year, referred to the Health Committee, advanced to General File. I have committee amendments pending, Mr. President. (See AM2688 as found on page 783 of the Legislative Journal.)

**SPEAKER BAACK:** To the Chair of the Health Committee, Senator Wesely.

**SENATOR WESELY:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members. LB 1099 is a bill introduced by Senator Withem dealing with bone marrow donors and a program to be established to encourage more bone marrow donors and donations, with an education component and other activities involved. One of the elements of the bill dealt with leaves of absence for employees who want to donate bone marrow. The original draft of the bill was based on a model bill that called for paid medical leave to... for these individuals and some of the language in that section is inappropriate because the mandatory paid leave is changed to an encouragement for paid leave and so we delete the remainder of that section that places restrictions. Since it's only an encouragement, not a mandate, there's no reason for that language. In addition, we do require that the names of employees identified as potential bone marrow donors be sent to the bone marrow registry that the Congress has established and so those people will be known as being available bone marrow donors. With that, I'd be happy to answer questions and move for the adoption of committee amendments. Thank you,