

SENATOR COORDSEN: ...workers' compensation benefits paid. So, in summary then, this is a structural mechanism. I think it fits well in 1006 because it also addresses insurance and I think will go a long way to providing a better mechanism for collecting the premiums, for auditing the accounts, and providing an interim mechanism for a partially self-insured, partially insured program for workers' compensation carriers, so I would encourage the adoption of the amendment.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Coordsen. Before we proceed, I would like to call the senators' attention to the area under the south balcony. Special guests of the Legislature today are participants in the African-American Institute in Washington, D.C., from the Rwanda Parliament Professional Staff Project. They include Mr. Anicet Habarurema, Mr. Marcellin Munyeshema, Ms. Melanie Mukakabanda, Mr. Faustin Musanganya, and Mr. Andreed Musagara. They are accompanied by interpreter Marianne Ayvaz, and U.S. escort, Mr. Wallace Pinfeld. Would you please rise and be recognized. Welcome to the Chamber. Thank you. An amendment on the desk, Mr. Clerk. The amendment has been withdrawn. I will recognize Senator Kristensen. Senator Kristensen. Does anyone wish to speak to the Wesely amendment? Seeing none, do you have closing, Senator Wesely?

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you. Madam President, I apologize to the Clerk for some confusion. We wanted to be sure that this provision had an E clause attached, and LB 1006 has a general E clause with certain sections exempted from that. So this would come into effect immediately. The reason this is important is that we have pending a backlog of proposals that look like they will not even be picked up and dusted off and some have been waiting for months for review. With this amendment, with the adequacy of fees being increased, they will be able to start that backlog rolling again and so it is very important that we get this adopted with the E clause attached, and that is what I understand the situation is. With that, I would ask for your support for this amendment.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Wesely. We will now vote on the Wesely amendment to LB 1006. All those in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLFRK: 25 ayes, 0 nays on adoption of Senator Wesely's amendment, Madam President.