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Senator Fowler to close on his amendment to his amendment to the Dworak amendment. Okay, Senator Fowler.

SENATOR FOWLER: Mr. President, I offer this amendment as I indicated to find out the sincere intentions of the sponsors of the Dworak amendment and I am not sure that the debate helped me ascertain whether or not they are willing to accept the concept that if someone pays totally for abortion coverage that that should be offered. If Senator Dworak is correct in saying that choice is not the issue, that only the source of funds to pay for insurance is, then there really should be no problem with accepting this amendment. If, however, the idea is to start a campaign first at the state level and then elsewhere to totally deny the use of insurance for abortion coverage, then we will see people voting against this amendment, unless we say to the insurance providers in this intent language that this option must be available. It doesn't mean that the employee has to take it. It doesn't require anything other than the insurance company make this available as a supplement. If we do not require it, I do not believe that the insurance carriers are going to voluntarily provide it. It seems to me that if we really are sincere in making choice available, that we should adopt this amendment. I would move for its adoption.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is the adoption of the Fowler amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Have you all voted? Senator Fowler.

SENATOR FOWLER: Mr. President, I am going to ask for a Call of the House and a roll call vote.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Shall the House go under Call? All those in favor of that motion vote aye, opposed vote no. Record. Okay, record.

CLERK: 16 ayes, 12 nays to go under Call, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The House is under Call. All legislators please return to their seats and record your presence. Senator Burrows, Senator Koch, Senator Warner, Senator Cope, Senator Schmit, Senator Maresh, Senator Johnson, Senator Sieck, Senator Hoagland. Mr. Sergeant at Arms, we are looking for Senator Burrows and Senator Schmit. Okay, Senator Fowler, Senator Schmit is on his way. Otherwise... there he is. Okay, call the roll.

CLERK: (Commenced roll call vote.)

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