

the committee amendments. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of Banking, Commerce, and Insurance Committee amendments.

PRESIDENT: The committee amendments are adopted. Now you have an amendment on your desk, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Landis would move to amend the bill, and that amendment, Senator, is on page 549 of the Journal.

PRESIDENT: Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you. If you want to turn in the Journal to page 549, you can follow along with me looking at a few changes. Senator Schmit is right. If you take a bill of this length and you go back through it and you say, ah, we could have done this a little different or here is a little change, and the department, itself, has discovered a few of those. For example, one of the changes in the bill is to move agents licenses from one year to two years in duration and the fee goes up accordingly, but it also reduces the total workload, paper workload of the department, and probably eases the administration. They also have made the change in the bill between a single renewal date for everybody in the state, I think it is April 30th, to the birth date of the individual agent. Why? Because that way you have got 12 months of work that is even instead of one month of work that is overwhelming and then letting somebody go or having somebody sit around with not as much to do in the other months of the year. It is better to have that workload even throughout the year so they provided for birthday anniversary dates the renewal of licenses. The renewal on the birth date is in the bill, but they needed some language to make the transition from our current way of doing it on April 30th into this year-round form of renewal, and they needed a way to either extend or shorten existing licenses to do that. So in this amendment, for example, is the definition of the two-year period which allows for the continuation of education requirements and it meshes the two-year license system into our one-year license system. Basically, you will get a shortened, a less than two-year period license so that we can start up on your anniversary date. We also indicate in these amendments that surplus lines, and surplus lines is a term of