

committee amendment? Seeing none, Senator Landis, would you care to close?

SENATOR LANDIS: I close on the amendment to the amendment and let's adopt it, then we can talk about the bill once the committee amendments are adopted.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Those in favor of the adoption of the amendment please vote aye, opposed nay. Record.

CLERK: 30 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of the amendment to the committee amendments.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The amendment is adopted. Back to the committee amendments as adopted, Senator Lamb, followed by Senator Hall.

SENATOR LAMB: Well, Mr. President, members, perhaps this should...it's really on the bill, but I'll take this opportunity to speak. I have a question of Senator Landis, if I may.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Landis, would you respond.

SENATOR LANDIS: Yes.

SENATOR LAMB: I have noted in some articles that LB 361 is an interim bill that is supposed to be temporary, a temporary solution to the...seemingly the crisis we have at this point. Do you agree with that assessment?

SENATOR LANDIS: The "interimness" of this bill is in the eye of the beholder. It depends on whether or not you think the Legislature should pass a constitutional amendment out to the people accomplishing what Amendment 4 intended to do several years ago. There is a division in this body. If you ask me my personal opinion, when that constitutional amendment is on the floor, I intend to vote for it. I can't guarantee that that will be successful. 361 at this point would be a permanent solution in the event a constitutional amendment was not forthcoming, passed out to the people and voted on by the public.

SENATOR LAMB: Okay, you answered my second question which I hadn't even asked as to your opinion of the constitutional amendment.