

you would care to vote on the committee amendments. Record, please.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of the committee amendments.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The amendments are adopted. Senator Weihing, would you care to explain the bill as amended?

SENATOR WEIHING: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, this bill is one in which the restaurants would disclose the cooking oil that they use in their kitchen. It is not that of the prepared foods that come from other areas, as you know, that...and when you go to the grocery store, there is a disclosure statement as to what is within the foods that are prepared. In recent years, in the last 15 years, we have become very much aware of the function of oils in our body besides that of giving us calories and energy and a storage unit. And one of the side effects...and it isn't a side effect, I shouldn't say that, one of the things that does happen and is very much a part of our own chemistry and that is the development of cholesterol and we are all aware that cholesterol is a major component in the coronary disease that we have had. I am wondering if we could have a little...little competition there with...

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. (Gavel.)

SENATOR WEIHING: Now in the typical American diet, the saturated fat content is the strongest contributor to the rising blood cholesterol. Oftentimes, we think of eating just the cholesterol as a major component of causing cholesterol to rise, but that's not true, it is the saturated fats, the saturated fats and this relates then to the oils that we are ingesting. It is very important...when we go to a restaurant we know what our vegetable is but we don't always know what it's been cooked in. We know what meats we have ordered but we don't always know what oils they have been fried or cooked in. We know what carbohydrates we have, such as the bread, such as the cereals, such as the potato and the pastas, these are all fine, but the component that we don't know is the oil and it is a very, very important component within our foods. As you go to any restaurant, any food dispensing firm, the oils have been used and they are extremely important with regards to the development and the rise of cholesterol levels in our bodies and oftentimes to a point that it brings about coronary disease. Now it is a