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All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record.

CLERK: 31 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to suspend the germaneness rule.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The rules are suspended. To the amendment, Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL: Mr. President, I would ask for a division of the question with regard to the amendment and the division being the issue, the first part dealing with the language that dealt with the utility companies as opposed to the second half that dealt with the insurance issue and the CHIP's program.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: As far as I'm concerned, I think the issues are divisible and I would certainly consent to that. I don't have any difficulty with the ideas being taken up separately. And perhaps, the CHIP's first, and then the service contracts because that's the one that we're talking about.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The issue is divisible in the opinion of the Chair, and probably can be divided on page 3 at the conclusion of Section 3. The division will be between Section 3 and Section 4, the first part speaking to the matter of utilities contracts, service contracts; the second part to the matter of the insurance or CHIP's, and, Senator...I think in the opinion of the Chair, let's take the second part first. Agreeable? Thank you. Discussion on the second part of the divided question, Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have gone over this amendment and I would be happy to answer any further questions. Senator Nelson, Senator Chizek had questions I hope I answered. Once again, for all your benefit, the amendment would do the following things. Number one, the current provision for a waiver for those people that leave a current plan involuntarily and move into the CHIP plan, that waiver of the six-month waiting period would not be allowed. And following Senator Nelson's questions, we have had a dumping problem with private insurers trying to cut costs and moving high risk people into the CHIP program. That was not the intent of the program. The program was for those people now with insurance to continue with that insurance and not to have their high risk people moved out