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do need to have some better data out there so we can make proper decisions on health care costs. I think this is a much milder proposal than what he proposed on LB 429 but yet it does allow us to gather the data together to put the data in kind of a form that we can use in here to make the decisions that we need to make on the health care issues. As Senator Wesely said, it does cost \$36,000. I think it would be money well spent because then we would have more data, the data would be more meaningful when we go to make health care decisions in this body. With that I would urge the body to adopt the amendment. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Discussion? Senator Scofield.

SENATOR SCOFIELD: Mr. President, I don't know that we need to talk about this very long given the conversation we just had over lunch about problems that we got with insurance and the problems that have been raised on 429, this seems to me to be appropriate and should be supported. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Warner, did you care to speak to it?

SENATOR WARNER: I agree with Senator Scofield, Baack and Wesely.

PRESIDENT: Senator Abboud.

SENATOR ABOUD: Question.

PRESIDENT: Question has been called. Five hands please. I do. Shall debate cease? All in favor vote aye, oppose vote nay. Please record.

CLERK: 28 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Debate ceases. Who would care to close? Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Just briefly. Mr. Speaker, again this amendment would allow the Department of Health to work with providers and with our own data and put together a health care cost index to try and get a handle on that problem. Would ask for your support.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you, sir. Those in favor of the Landis-Baack-Wesely amendment please vote aye, opposed vote nay.