

PRESIDENT: Okay, we're back to the advance...the adoption of the Schmit amendment. Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members, as has been indicated earlier, there has been a lot of discussion on this bill and there will be a lot more. As you go back to your districts, you're going to find many individuals who don't agree with the bill. You're going to find many who do. Hopefully, we have brought forth an amended bill which is going to be of some help to the industry and some help to the public, but it's not the final version. I can guarantee you this is one bill that will be back here next year. Hopefully, it will be ready for introduction on the first day of the session and we will be working on it the first few days of the session rather than the last few days of the session. This is the kind of bill that ought to be debated by 49 people. There ought to be that many people in attendance here today. I'm sorry I didn't have the bill here last night when we had a full house but it's not to be. So, today, we must vote on it, hopefully, with those of you who are here; hopefully, we will adopt this amendment and that we can then proceed with the bill. I think it's a good start. A lot of people in the industry, a lot of people in the administration, a lot of people in the Legislature have worked hard on this bill. Let's continue that work and try to make some substantial progress this afternoon. I move for the adoption of the amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT PRESIDING

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Discussion? Senator Langford. Thank you. There is no discussion. The question is the adoption of the Schmit amendment to 289. All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of Senator Schmit's amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The amendment is adopted.

CLERK: Senator, I now have a second amendment by yourself, AM1883.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Schmit.