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CHIP language would be deleted for a waiting period, so that we could contain costs. All of these items pulled together have led to an improvement in cost containment under the CHIP program and will result, under the Director of Insurance, to have a premium increase of less than 10 percent this year in the negotiations that we've had on this issue. So I want to commend Senator Chizek for working on this compromise and hope that you will adopt this amendment. I give the rest of my time to Senator Chizek.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Chizek.

SENATOR CHIZEK: Mr. Speaker, colleagues, as Senator Wesely said, this is a compromise. I think no one is completely happy. I think it's a long way from where we were earlier, and I would urge your adoption of the amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Landis, any discussion?

SENATOR LANDIS: This language is entirely satisfactory to me. I urge its adoption.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Abboud. Thank you. Any other discussion? Any closing comment, Senator Wesely? Thank you. The question is then the adoption of the amendment. All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record.

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

SPEAKER BARRETT: The amendment is adopted.

CLERK: The next amendment, Mr. President, is by Senator Landis. I have a note that he'd like to withdraw.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: Mr. Speaker, at one time you might recall we were arguing about property tax relief, and the Governor had a compromise measure and nobody wanted it on their bill, so I put it in the Journal, had it printed and put it on 279. Well, the arms of this tree, the branches are not strong enough to bear this much weight nor fruit, and I would urge the withdrawal of this amendment.