

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Any other discussion? If not, Senator Beck, would you like to close?

SENATOR BECK: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Again, I don't think there is any more to be said. I think this is something that will help our elderly population. It frees them up. We are still within the EPA regulation. I would just urge, beg, plead, cajole, any other word I can think of that would urge the body to please vote for this amendment and have it in statute so that these elderly people are not under such a burden, and I would just appreciate your vote. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The question is the adoption of the Beck amendment to LB 923. All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Please record.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of the amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The Beck amendment is adopted.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Beck would move to amend. Senator, I have AM2315. (See page 1224 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Beck.

SENATOR BECK: Okay, this will go as quickly as we can with this. The last amendment I have is, again, I think one that would improve the entire understanding of the definition of asbestos, and it is on page 4, line 21, after the second asbestos, insert "which, when dry, is." Now why am I dinging away on this, and Senator Wesely is probably holding his head in his hands thinking I was just ready to go to lunch and now she has done it again, and I do apologize to Senator Wesely. He has been very patient with me today. One of the major reasons that I do this is this, in a sense, is a policy decision, and I think that the Legislature maybe should have more oversight over policy. So I will just ask you briefly to look at this. I would like to add the words "when dry", put them back into the statute for this reason. This is the federal EPA regulation, and it means then that all the misting operations, all of the other ways of taking the asbestos out then would keep it from becoming friable which is when the particles get into the air,