

plan or whether the employee has other resources to pay for a drug treatment plan. Now, I just think if we put this thing in place without the Wesely amendment we're not going to be encouraging the kind of activity by employers and employees working together to rid the workplace of drugs. My experience of 15 years of practicing law and dealing with several of these cases indicates to me that we really might as well not pass the darn thing without the Wesely amendment because we're going to be, as I say, keeping, in effect, an inequitable treatment system. So with that, I would urge the advancement of the Wesely amendment. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Langford, please.

SENATOR LANGFORD: Mr. Speaker, I call the question.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Langford moves the previous question. Do I see five hands? I do. Shall debate now cease? Those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Shall debate cease? Have you all voted? Please record.

CLERK: 15 ayes, 11 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Debate does not cease. Senator Hefner, followed by Senators Chambers, Morrissey and Coordsen.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President and members of the body, I realize we have a problem in the workplace and we need to address it and this is why I introduced LB 1173 and it was amended into this bill. I felt that this was the right way to go, and to some of you other folks, you're doing the same thing. You're amending other bills into a bill that is a priority bill and it looks like it should be passed. Yes, there is a difference in my amendment and Senator Wesely's amendment. I think Senator Wesely's amendment needs some study and I'm willing to do that as a member of the Business and Labor Committee. Senator Morrissey said this is a sickness, we should allow unemployment compensation benefits for it. Senator Morrissey, I'd like to ask you a question if you'll yield.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Yes, sir.

SENATOR HEFNER: How many sicknesses do we allow employees to collect unemployment compensation on? Do we allow it on pneumonia?