

the way, NPPD, if you ask again what they do,...

SPEAKER BARRETT: Time.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: ...they use the minimum standards, no change. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. The question is the adoption of the Bernard-Stevens amendment to the Wehrbein amendment to LB 315. All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. On the amendment to the amendment, have you all voted? Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 10 ayes, 14 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of the amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The motion fails. Anything for the record? Back to the Wehrbein amendment. A discussion of the Wehrbein amendment, Senator Morrissey, please.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and members, again I rise to oppose the Wehrbein amendment. You realize if you pass the Wehrbein amendment, you will be subject...taking certain employees that work for the railroads, for the power companies, for the trucking industry and taking...that are not subject to federal testing procedures, and putting them under or taking them out from underneath the protection provided by state testing procedures. Federal testing allows these companies to be more stringent than federal procedures and thus the 0.00 alcohol content. Zero point zero zero is a level that is ridiculous. I realize we're trying to eliminate drugs and alcohol from the workplace, folks, but 0.00 brings in many problems, medication, communion, as Senator Stevens mentioned, and on and on. Zero point zero zero is not a standard that a normal person with a normal lifestyle, including taking medications, cough medicine included, can live with. Just so you realize, if you adopt the sweeping exemption with the Wehrbein amendment, you're taking some citizens, some of your constituents out from underneath the protection of state drug testing policies. I would urge you to defeat the Wehrbein amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Abboud, followed by...thank you. Senator Bernard-Stevens, with Senator Kristensen on deck.