

to go, and disqualifying employees, even though they might not have a chance to attend drug rehab sessions, that's the way the bill stands now. Not everyone has that chance. We're still discriminating against some of those people. Let's not lose sight of that. It's simple. The business community said, yeah, we'll negotiate down from 90 to 10 bucks, but only, only if we can give them a shot out the door, one more time out the door we're going to give you a shot on the chin, workers. We don't care whether you deserve this, it's long deserved or not. I just can't believe it, it should be simple. We do not have that drug testing portion of this bill in perfect shape. We're going to have an interim study over it, that's when we should do it. We should study it and then look at how we're doing. Let's give them the \$10 increase and then move the bill. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Peterson, followed by Senator Lamb.

SENATOR PETERSON: I respectfully call the question, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Peterson moves the previous question. The five hands I do see. The question is, shall debate now close? All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Please record.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Debate ceases. Senator Lynch, would you like to close on the amendment, your amendment?

SENATOR LYNCH: Yes, thank you, Mr. Speaker. I want to be the...I want you to know that I agree with Senator Coordsen that we must somehow establish a procedure where, for the sake of the employees as well as the employers, have an evenhanded approach to dealing with the drug in the work place problem. A lot of us work for companies that have smoke-free environments. For example, where I work you don't smoke anywhere, including the big boss, the CEO and any of the rest. I think it's important for us to recognize if we establish a drug-free policy as well, it be as evenhanded as that, that the standards that apply should apply to everybody who works, because the issue is drug abuse, not whether or not you have a safety related job. I think we should be frank enough to admit that. I have no problem with establishing those standards at all. But it appears that, the way the amendments went, that wasn't the case.