

amendments. Those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Please record. Record vote has been requested.

CLERK: (Record vote read as found on pages 110-11 of the Legislative Journal.) 14 ayes, 26 nays, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Motion fails. To the committee amendments. Senator Hall, would you care to address the committee amendments?

SENATOR HALL: Mr. President, I would just move that the committee amendments be adopted as they have been amended.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. For discussion purposes, Senator Scofield.

SENATOR SCOFIELD: Mr. President and members, I really don't want to discuss the committee amendments particularly. I want to talk about the debate we just had, because I think as some of the rest of you, including Senator Withem, said this really illustrates the frustration we feel in here, and it also illustrates the kind of talent that is in this body. And I guess, you know, I couldn't help but thinking when I was in grade school I used to play a little bit of basketball and once in a while there would be a kid on the team that wouldn't pass the ball. And that has kind of been the situation that we face here. I'm confident, given the quality of the debate we had in here just now on the Withem amendment, that we can solve this problem. The talent to solve this problem lies in this Legislature, right here, if we were just given a chance. But the kid who has the ball hasn't passed it to us. So, I guess I'd just like to say I'm really proud of you as legislators because of the quality of the debate, the kinds of creativity that is there. And as I listen to the debate on the Withem amendment I know that we can solve this, if somebody will just pass the ball to us. In the meantime, I guess we've got to do this. I'm going to go ahead and vote for the amendments and we're going to move ahead. But it would sure be nice to get a chance to really play the game. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Any other discussion? Anything further, Senator Hall?

SENATOR HALL: Mr. President, committee amendments become the bill, I would urge their adoption.