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SENATOR COORDSEN: Excuse me, we could stand here for quite a while. I hate to have a call of...there you go, on an amendment that really isn't of that monumental stature. Thank you.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Thank you, sir. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 11 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of the amendment.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: The amendment is adopted. Back to the bill. Senator Moore, on LB...we have another amendment on the desk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Wesely would move to amend the bill. (Read the Wesely amendment as found on page 552 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Senator Wesely, on the amendment.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you. Mr. President and members, I apologize to Senator Coordsen, I haven't had a chance to discuss this with him. But I listened to Senator Landis and I understand what he's saying but I tend to feel Senator Coordsen is right. As Chair of the Health and Human Services Committee, I must say we have not always been timely informed as to different hearings and the process of implementing rules and regulations and we do try and keep up as best we can but it is not an easy thing to do. It would be much simpler, as the process of implementing rules and regs is proceeded with the various agencies, if they simply would include us on their notification list, as this bill calls for, it would help us to track where we're at. I do agree though with Senator Landis that once we get the information it may or may not be of interest to us. We may or may not want to pursue involvement with it. But under the language of this bill it says each committee "shall" review the rule or reg or the committee may have a staff member review the rule or reg and then the review must take into consideration and other things must occur. And it seems to me that when you have the "shall" in there you may force reviews that aren't necessary. And, secondly, I'm worried about the situation of a problem with the rule and reg and by saying the Legislature "shall" review it, if there's any problem that comes up through a rule and reg that's adopted, they can come back and say, well, the Legislature reviewed it and said it was fine or they were supposed to and they...you know, and I