

motion is to cease debate. All those in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted on the motion to cease debate? Have you all voted? Please record, Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 25 ayes, 2 nays on the motion to cease debate, Madam President.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Debate ceases. Senator Landis, would you like to close.

SENATOR LANDIS: Since we're closing on an amendment to an amendment, Senator Lynch and Senator Crosby certainly will have a chance, when we return to the amendment itself, to raise whatever additional questions they may have. This is really technical in nature, and it tries to outline how we're going to implement this upon the effective date. There is the adding of an E clause, additionally there is an effective date for those plans that exist now to conform to this body of policy by December 31, 1991. Senator Hall is correct in pointing out that it also sets a time line for the payment of claims under the excess insurance, this is the insurance company now, and that excess insurer, who has an obligation must meet it within three months. I urge the adoption of this amendment. We can return then to the committee amendments, and I'll seek their adoption later.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Landis. We will now vote on the Landis amendment to the committee amendments. All those in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Please record, Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 23 ayes, 0 nays on the amendment to the amendment.

PRESIDENT MOUL: The amendment is adopted. We'll proceed with debate on the committee amendments. Senator Lynch.

SENATOR LYNCH: Madam Chairman and members, ask a question of Senator Landis. What it is, it's a brief scenario, and then I would just like to have you tell me whether or not the amendments, the bill as amended, or the bill itself would provide protection for property taxpayers against this sort of thing. It's a true story, I'm going to do it hypothetically, but it's a town of about 30...a county of about 35,000 folks. They have a major hospital. They were in a plan that was going