

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Nelson. The speaking order is Senator Beutler, Hall, Elmer, Lynch, Byars, Peterson, Kristensen, Robinson, Labedz and Chambers. Senator Beutler. We have sufficient seconds. All those in favor of the motion to cease debate please vote aye, opposed nay. Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, to cease debate, Madam President.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Debate has ceased. I recognize Senator Lynch for closing.

SENATOR LYNCH: Madam Chairman, my company didn't talk to me. No organized group came to me. I did this on my own. I'm not trying to trigger any kind of terrible debate like Senator Bernard-Stevens says. And there is no underhanded reason except that common sense should prevail. Why would people who claim that you don't need this amendment, because there already is a law that provides for it, oppose it? I say if we're concerned about anything that what they say might not be true. Ask one question of Senator Landis if I can. Senator Landis, just a yes or no would do. Why...well, why is it that people who are self-insured don't have to provide mandated benefits? Because they're not insurance companies. Is that right? They're covered under ERISA. Is that right or wrong? Just say yes or no.

SENATOR LANDIS: Well,...

SENATOR LYNCH: Yes or no. Is it yes or no? They're under ERISA. They don't have to provide mandatory benefits because they're self-insured. Yes or no.

SENATOR LANDIS: Those aren't these proposals but you're right.

SENATOR LYNCH: Oh, no, no. Is that right?

SENATOR LANDIS: Those aren't these...

SENATOR LYNCH: Just answer my question, please, yes or no. Is that the reason they don't provide self-insurance?

SENATOR LANDIS: Yes, you're right.

SENATOR LYNCH: Okay, thank you very much. That's an example.