

introduced by Senator Bernard-Stevens. In a desire to be even more helpful to foster parents, the committee's amendment would delete the \$50 deductible that's included in the bill, and thus the insurance would be provided without any type of deductible. This would increase the cost, if the committee amendment is adopted. And so I guess...I've talked to Senator Bernard-Stevens, and I'll wait to hear his...maybe I'll give some time to him and see how he wants to handle this. It may...We did adopt this through the appropriations process last year. But I believe there was a \$50 deductible retained in that, and so it may be more appropriate not to adopt the committee amendment, to adopt the committee amendment. And I'll defer to Senator Bernard-Stevens at this point as to his wishes on that score.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Thank you, Senator Wesely. Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Senator Morrissey. And I appreciate the comments by Senator Wesely, the Chairman of that...of the Health Committee. And I think his judgment is correct on that, and I appreciate his willingness to work on the issue, not only this year but last year on getting this bill through. I will talk to the bill a little bit after we take care of committee amendments. It would be my preference, at this point in discussion with the committee Chair, that we vote down the committee amendments so that we're consistent with what we did on the appropriations side last year.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Thank you, Senator Bernard-Stevens. No one else care to speak to the committee amendments? Senator Wesely, would you like to close?

SENATOR WESELY: Okay, with that indication by the sponsor, I would ask that we now vote against the committee amendments and go to the bill as introduced by Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: You've heard Senator Wesely's closing. We'll now vote on the committee amendments. All in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay.

SPEAKER BAACK PRESIDING

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