

Committee, Senator Coordsen.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I will be addressing the amendment to the amendment first. Before I do that, I would like to refresh your memory since we haven't talked about this issue before, of what LB 360 does. LB 360 is a court restructuring bill for the Worker's Compensation Court to attempt to reduce the backlog of pending Worker's Compensation Court cases that have not been resolved. We get into that a little more in detail a little later in this discussion. The amendment to the amendment that will be on page 2, line 8 is a drafting error that sometimes crop up and it would change the language from mandatory back to permissive the way it was intended to be. And this relates to the publishing of the medical fee schedules that the court is required to put out from time to time. It would change that so that the amendment as drafted mandates that the court shall contract with another agency, another firm to do this. They want to have, they've currently been doing this by and large in house and they want to retain that flexibility so I would encourage the adoption of this amendment to the amendment. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Coordsen. Is there any discussion on the amendment to the amendment offered by Senator Coordsen? Seeing none, do you wish to close, Senator Coordsen? He waives closing. We will now vote on the amendment to the committee amendments offered by Senator Coordsen. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 18 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of Senator Coordsen's amendment to the committee amendments.

SPEAKER BAACK: The amendment to the committee amendments is adopted. We are now on the committee amendments. Senator Coordsen.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body, the bill as originally drafted was basically a framework for a restructuring of the Worker's Compensation Court and the committee amendments flash out that framework to a certain extent and that on Select File there will be another major amendment that will complete that particular process. That is still some negotiations going on. The bill provides for the striking of the three judge appeals, changing the first judge hearing to a hearing of record and provides for a...no the