

amendment puts the bill in a form that is appropriate to begin. If we're going to build a body of evidence on mediation, divorces, family questions like this, let us start with that body of people who choose to use this tool before we take on the question...

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR LANDIS: ...of whether we want to apply this tool to people who don't want to use it. Let us build up a body of expertise and knowledge with people who want to use the system before we take on the public policy question of using it in other areas. This is the right place to start. Let's see what we have wrought in a couple of years time if we want to rethink this basic premise. Lastly, there is an element of leverage out there that is...it's important to remember and it's clear in Judge Icenogle's letter that Senator Kristensen just referred to. Judges have different reactions to mediations and, believe me, if you're a practicing lawyer and you get called into the judge's chambers and he says, gosh, I sure recommend this case goes to mediation, and he says that to both lawyers on both sides, I can guarantee you there's a real high likelihood there's going to be mediation. The judges have a thumb...

PRESIDENT MOUL: Time.

SENATOR LANDIS: ...to put down here on the scale and they will. For these reasons I urge the adoption of the amendment.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Landis. We will now vote on this portion of the Landis amendment to the committee amendments. Okay. We have a request for a roll call vote in regular order. We will have a call...we have a request for call of the house. All those in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. Please record, Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 17 ayes, 0 nays to go under call.

PRESIDENT MOUL: The house is under call. Would all unexcused senators please return to the chamber and record your presence. All unauthorized personnel must leave the floor. Would the senators please check in? The house is under call. Would the senators please check in. Please record your presence. The house is under call. Senator Pirsch, please check in. Senator Wehrbein, please check in. Senator Bohlke, please check in.