

think Senator Landis and Senator Wesely have certainly covered the amendments. I want to certainly make sure that what we have done with the involuntary terminated, we've defined that in the statute for those purposes of where their health coverage has been involuntary terminated, means those people whose plans have been terminated because the insurer has withdrawn from the state or that the insolvency or bankruptcy of the employer or the employer trust fund, I don't think was included in Senator Landis's opening, but certainly the employer trust fund is included with other trust funds that were having coverage of those and if for some reason they go under, people are left without their insurance. Thus, they should be eligible for the CHIP policy without having the six-month preexisting condition. Certainly the issue of dumping was not entered into at this point and that still has been protected. The last point that I think is important and was important to me in the amendments that I have withdrawn, but certainly here the retroactivity of the involuntary terminations back to January 1, 1992, from that date forward, any of those involuntary terminations of employer, employer trust funds or from the insurer withdrawing from the state would be included. With that, I want to again thank Senator Wesely and Senator Landis, Senator Lynch for their cooperation working with this and my concerns have been satisfied and I would urge the adoption of the amendment. Thank you.

SENATOR WARNER: Senator Abboud.

SENATOR ABOUD: Mr. President, colleagues, I'd quickly add that I support the amendment. We made some changes on this bill on General File. I felt that they were good changes and this amendment further complements an excellent piece of legislation brought in by Senator Wesely. I'd urge its adoption and advancement of the bill.

SENATOR WARNER: Senator Rogers.

SENATOR ROGERS: Mr. President, could I ask a question of Senator Wesely?

SENATOR WARNER: Senator Wesely, do you yield? Senator Wesely.

SENATOR ROGERS: Are there any increases in any of the CHIP insurance with this? With their premiums.