

automatically and so this just clarifies that you can write a business check and you can have one or two employees and it's not a problem and if you grow beyond that you don't automatically get covered by the act that would take effect when you have three to twenty-five. So hopefully clarifies a problem and should help those that are like a farmer or another small business person with one or two employees to be able to get health insurance and not lose the deduction from it. Ask support for the committee amendment.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Wesely. Senator Day.

SENATOR DAY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members, I rise in support of the committee amendments too and I want to give you an example of how this will help. I received a letter from an insurance gentleman in Norfolk and he talks about a one-man business who hired a person to be a clerical, general helper capacity. This is his only employee. The owner has coverage under his wife's group plan at her place of employment. The owner wanted to purchase health insurance for his employee and either pay for it himself or reimburse her for it. This insurance agent said that he discovered that two of the companies we write for were interpreting 1222 as being opposed to this type of arrangement. He went on to discover that two other companies were allowing it but would not accept the employer's business check, it had to be a personal check. That's somewhere more tolerant version of the interpretation but it still can present a problem. I think sometimes as we deal with these pieces of legislation it's helpful to know how it affects our individual constituents and I think this is a good example of someone who wanted to carry insurance on their employee, but we were not allowing it to happen. So I think this is an important piece of legislation and I urge your support for it.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Day. Further discussion on the committee amendments. Senator Landis, do you have closing for your committee amendments? Senator Landis, who is ignoring us, I assume does not have closing. Then in that case we'll go ahead and vote on the committee amendments. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. Have you all voted? Record.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of committee amendments.