

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: All right. Thank you, Madam President. And I hope the body indulges us in this a little bit. It's really an attempt to adopt those parts of the amendment that I think are purely technical in nature and then leave the middle part there that everybody seems to be focusing on for discussion. The technical parts ought to be adopted no matter what the fate of the bill, no matter what the fate of the rest of the amendment, and that's the reason I'm asking that this be done. The first technical part simply tightens up the language concerning the policies and procedures that the commission would adopt for the administration of the fund. Simply relates those policies and procedures to the purposes that we have expressed in Section 4. And it's nothing more than extra guidance to the commission that their policies and procedures would have to relate specifically to the purposes that we would have stated legislatively about them. And so I just ask that you adopt that technical portion of the amendment.

SENATOR CROSBY PRESIDING

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Wickersham. Discussion? Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President and members of the Legislature, this is a tricky and very difficult vote for me to cast, but in the spirit of collegiality, I'm going to swallow all of my opposition and try to help us reach a meeting of the minds and I'm going to cast this difficult vote in favor of what Senator Wickersham is offering to us by virtue of this first division.

SENATOR CROSBY: Further discussion on the first section of the amendment? Seeing none, Senator Wickersham. Senator Wickersham waives closing. The question is the adoption of the first section of the Engel amendment to LB 425. All in favor vote aye, opposed no. Record, please.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Madam President, on the adoption of Senator Engel's and Wickersham's first amendment.

SENATOR CROSBY: The first section of the amendment is adopted. We will continue now to the second amendment. (FA202 appears on page 2032 of the Legislative Journal.)