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just shut it off. I apologize. Senator Robinson, on this amendment. Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: I'll waive.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Bernard-Stevens. Senator Wickersham, for closing on your amendment.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: All right. The language that Senator Bernard-Stevens was asking about simply allows the program to operate with all levels...with personnel certified to operate at all levels of emergency care personnel. But they are still restricted to only offer those services at their certification level, or below. It does not give an EMT-I, for example, the ability to perform services that would be appropriate for a paramedic. And I think that's the question that you're asking, Senator Bernard-Stevens. That has been an issue. It does not allow people or ambulance services to offer anything above their certification level; it does allow them to offer services below their certification level, and that's it.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you. You've heard the closing. The question is the adoption of the Wickersham amendment to the Schellpeper amendment. All in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 28 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of Senator Wickersham's amendment.

SPEAKER WITHEM: The Wickersham amendment is adopted. We are now considering the Schellpeper amendment. For discussion on the Schellpeper amendment, Senator Pirsch.(AMJ387)

SENATOR PIRSCH: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And, quite frankly, I'm confused. I don't know if it's the Schellpeper amendment. But I know that I do have just a short question for Senator Hillman, if she would yield.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Hillman.

SENATOR HILLMAN: Yes.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Senator Hillman, your amendment is the bill that you presented before the Health and Human Services