

should make policies. In smaller policies you kind of look the other way, but in a policy that involves these huge bureaucracies and \$2 billion, this is at best a dumb thing to do, and worse a very dangerous thing to do. So I would hope that people would consider the Maurstad amendment very carefully. It won't hurt your bill, it won't hurt your 1044, but it simply says give us three months when you actually come up with some legislation and a concept so we can consider this responsibly and carefully. And I would hope that you would vote for this amendment. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Witek. Is there any further discussion of the Maurstad amendment? Seeing none, Senator Maurstad, to close.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Thank you, Madam President. The amendment, very simply, backs up the start date that's referred to in the bill from January 1 to March 15th. It's an attempt to compromise an earlier decision by the Legislature, when it rejected the motion to start on July 1st. It's been a good discussion. I don't see that there's a whole lot that needs to be said, other than once again I would just raise the point of...with something this involved, a couple of months delay, to me, does not seem to be unreasonable. It raises the question of what's the hurry. Why the need on something this important? So this is an attempt to just provide the Legislature a small window of opportunity to provide some oversight and would ask support of the membership for the amendment.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Maurstad. The question before the body is the adoption of the Maurstad amendment to LB 1044. All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Have you all voted? Senator Maurstad. There's been a request for a call of the house. All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Please record.

CLERK: 21 ayes, 0 nays to place the house under call.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: The house is under call. Will senators please return to their seats. Will all unauthorized personnel please leave the floor. The house is under call. Please check in. Senator Schellpeper, Senator Coordsen, Senator Bromm, Senator Hudkins, Senator Bernard-Stevens, Senator Avery, Senator Withem, Senator Schimek, Senator Landis, Senator Cudaback, Senator