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CLERK: 33 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of Senator Lindsay's amendment.

SPEAKER WITHEM: It is adopted. Mr. Clerk, next item.

CLERK: Senator Beutler would move to amend. (See FA629 found on page 1930 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Withem, members of the Legislature, this amendment is being passed out to you right now. It simply seeks to clarify a particular situation, and it seeks to comport to what I think is the intent of the sections taken together. It deals with that situation where no fee is specified by state law. In a situation where no fee is specified by state law, it simply clarifies and makes clear that if you enter into a contract after the effective date of the act, in that situation, then that contract will terminate just as the existing contracts will terminate on January 31, 1998. It builds on the implication of the section that is already there, which I think clearly implies that you can enter into new contracts in situations where no fee is specified, but if you do so, this amendment would say that would terminate, just as existing contracts terminate, on January 31, 1998, so that once the legislative committee meets and develops a comprehensive policy on this matter, they can do so without worrying about existing contracts which may exist into a far point in time in the future. In other words, there could be, then, as I read it, no contracts that could extend out there for a long period of time and defeat the purpose of the entire bill. That's the point of the amendment. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Bromm.

SENATOR BROMM: Mr. Speaker and, Senator Beutler, I think it's a good amendment. I support the Beutler amendment in clarification. It just confirms our intent, and that was that if there are contracts that are entered into after this date, effective date of this law, where no fee is specified in state law, those contracts also come to an end January 31 of '98. So I support the amendment. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Beutler, to close. Closing is waived.