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SENATOR BROMM: So, in other words, if something changed on the federal level that would necessitate a change in these reimbursement procedures, they could, within the parameters of the statute, make the adjustment by rule and reg, before we had to change the statute? Is that correct?

SENATOR LANDIS: Yes, that would be correct.

SENATOR BROMM: Okay. Thanks, Sena...

SENATOR LANDIS: Now, we couldn't be inconsistent with state law,...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR LANDIS: ...but it could go further than where the law...where we had passed the law, so it would be both consistent with us, and it would be consistent with federal law.

SENATOR BROMM: Thank you, Senator Landis. And that completes the questions I wanted to get some record on. And I encourage the body to adopt the amendment to the committee amendment.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Bromm. Seeing no further discussion, Senator Landis, would you like to close on your amendment to the committee amendments?

SENATOR LANDIS: There's a cartoon, I saw in the New Yorker, one time, which I rather liked. It was sort of a little irony that was pleasant. There was about nine or ten cooks, all standing around a pot that was steaming. And one of them said, what a wonderful broth we have all cooked, meaning that in fact multiple cooks, in this case, produced a pretty darn good broth. And with the help of the committee, its members, with Senator Peterson's leadership, with the assistance of the Public Service Commission, and with whatever my staff and I had a chance to add, through the provisions of the bill that we had in front of the committee, I think we have cooked a good broth here, with lots and lots of cooks. And that's a nice piece of work for the Legislature. I ask for the adoption of the amendment and then the advancement of Senator Peterson's LB 150.