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SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Redfield. You've heard the closing on AM0381. Question before the body is adoption of AM0381 to LB 226. All in favor of the motion vote aye, and opposed nay. Voting on the adoption of AM0381 to LB 226. Have you all voted who care to? Record please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of Senator Redfield's amendment.

SENATOR CUDABACK: AM0381 was adopted. Mr. Clerk, next item to the bill.

CLERK: Senator Redfield would move to amend with AM0514, Mr. President. (Legislative Journal page 626.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Redfield, you're recognized to open on AM0514 to LB 226.

SENATOR REDFIELD: Thank you, Senator Cudaback. I have just introduced a replacement amendment, so I'm going to talk for a few minutes about the intent of what this does. We want to clarify the issue of choice, because I sense that people are uncomfortable, that they clearly have a choice. Now the green copy Section 1 says...uses the word "choice," uses the words that we use in the CIR statutes that were placed there with LB 29. But, in fact, the amendment that is there, I have refiled a separate one which Bill Drafters suggested would be a cleaner way for us to say it. And so I'm going to withdraw the amendment that is before you right now, but the intent of it is that we want to make sure that the employee clearly, clearly has a choice of their own representation, and if they don't then LB 226 goes away in the sense that they couldn't charge them if they don't clearly have a choice. So I think that perhaps that will put people's minds a little more at ease over the issue. And are you ready? All right. I would withdraw this amendment. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: It is withdrawn. Mr. Clerk, next item to the bill.