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LB 425

SENATOR CUDABACK: The house is under call. All members please check in. Senator Chambers, the house is under call. All unexcused senators please check in. I'm sorry. Did not see you over there, Senator Chambers. All members are present or accounted for. Mr. Clerk, please call the roll on the question of AM1590 to AM1567 to LB 425.

CLERK: (Roll call vote taken, Legislative Journal page 1490.)
19 ayes, 23 nays, Mr. President, on the amendment.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The motion was not successful. The Beutler amendment has not been adopted. And I do raise the call.
Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: I have nothing further pending to the Pederson amendment, AM1567, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Back to discussion of the Pederson amendment, AM1567. There are several lights on. Members, if you do not wish to speak to the Pederson amendment, you may pass over.
Senator Byars.

SENATOR BYARS: Thank you, Senator Cudaback. I'm not sure whether I should ask Senator Pederson or Senator Engel a question. And maybe they could find out from DED as far as intentions are concerned. But would training funds and would training be available to individuals who provided direct care for persons with developmental disabilities or with other disabilities? As you know, this has been a concern of a number of us, as we are trying to move forward and appropriately fund direct care staff. And one of the major problems we've had in that industry, if you will, is appropriate training and getting people to stay long enough at the horrendous beginning wages. Would...Senator Engel, could you answer me whether these dollars would be available to those direct care staff?

SENATOR ENGEL: No, they would not, because this is for businesses, not for existing programs like that.

SENATOR BYARS: Okay. Thank you, Senator Engel. I think it