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opening on the bill itself.

SENATOR WESELY: I think we have to go to the committee amendments too.

PRESIDENT MOUL: I'm sorry, Senator. You're correct, we haven't addressed the committee amendments yet. Senator Wesely, you're next.

SENATOR WESELY: Is there any other lights, or am I closing (inaudible)?

PRESIDENT MOUL: No, there are no other lights.

SENATOR WESELY: Okay. In closing on the committee amendments, these do dramatically change the bill, reduce the cost of the bill significantly, bring it down to just those items that seem to be the most important to reform or anticipate reform of the health care system so that we can plan better and provide public health services across the state. Have agreed with a couple of amendments that I think will ease a lot of the concerns that you might have. I would like to get to the main bill so I will ask that we adopt the committee amendments and go to the bill itself.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Wesely. We will now vote on the committee amendments. All those in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted on the committee amendments? Have you all voted? Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: (Record vote read. See page 2152 of the Legislative Journal.) 26 ayes, 0 nays on adoption of committee amendments.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Committee amendments are adopted. Now, Senator Wesely, for opening on the bill itself.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you. Madam President and members, I hope that you'll take a minute to listen about what I think will be happening on health care reform in this country. This bill is an attempt to try and prepare us for that change. I had the chance to go back to get briefed in I think it was early...early April or late March with the Clinton task force and came back from that convinced more than ever that our state was ill-prepared for what was about to occur across this country. We do not have in place the infrastructure to allow us to make