

Senator Bernard-Stevens, please check in. Senator Beutler, please check in. Senator Haberman, Senator Wickersham, Senator Witek, please check in. Senator Landis, please check in. Senator Preister, please check in. Senator Beutler, please check in. Senator Pirsch, Senator Wickersham, please check in. Senator Chambers, are you willing to take call-in votes? We will accept call-in votes on the Chambers amendment to LB 717.

CLERK: Senator Schellpeper voting yes. Senator Hohenstein voting yes. Senator Bernard-Stevens voting yes. Senator Withem voting yes. Senator Baack voting yes. Senator Hartnett voting yes. Senator Fisher voting yes. Senator Wehrbein voting no. Senator Janssen voting yes. Senator Cudaback voting yes. Senator Avery, Senator Avery voting yes. Senator...

PRESIDENT MOUL: Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 2 nays on adoption of Senator Chambers' amendment.

PRESIDENT MOUL: The amendment is adopted. I will raise the call. Further amendments, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Madam President, Senator Ashford would move to amend the bill. (See Senator Ashford's AM2055 on page 2124 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Ashford.

SENATOR ASHFORD: Thank you, Madam President and members. This amendment is found on page 2124 and is a very simple amendment. It states that nothing in subsection (2) of this section shall affect the terms and conditions of the current negotiated labor agreement. The purpose of this amendment is to remove any confusion on whether or not LB 717 would impact the current labor agreement. There is an issue that arises out of this amendment, a legal issue essentially, that would be whether the Legislature could, even if it wanted to, abrogate or change the current labor agreement and I think that's a...that's certainly an arguable point and, in all likelihood, a court would find or could find that any legislation that interfered with this contract would...existing contract, which I understand would...ends in December of 1993, would be ineffective. But so that there is no misunderstanding about that issue, this amendment would simply state that the current negotiated labor