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SENATOR PIRSCH: ...and never have been.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Right.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Okay, thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Pirsch. Senator Bromm.

SENATOR BROMM: Thank you, Madam Chairman. I think this is a good bill in that it clears up an inconsistency in a possible problem between the attachment of structured settlements versus lump sum settlements. However, I am concerned that there is still an inconsistency between the two sections in the bill, one section indicating that there can be a written assignment to the contrary by the worker and the other section specifically prohibiting that. Also in our committee meeting we discussed the situation that comes up from time to time where a worker is delayed in getting his lump sum settlement money and during that time he incurs some financial difficulties and wants to borrow some money to tide himself over. No settlement is final until it is approved by the Work Comp Court but there arrives a time when they're fairly certain of getting a settlement and I'm going to look into and probably come up with a proposed amendment before the next reading which will allow a limited assignment under these circumstances. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Bromm. Does anyone else wish to speak to this bill? Seeing none, do you have closing, Senator Lindsay.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Thank you, Madam President. I would simply suggest I'd be happy to deal with Senator Bromm on his concerns with the bill and work towards any amendment that may be necessary. With that I'd urge the advancement of the bill.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Lindsay. We'll now vote on the motion to advance LB 118. All those in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 34 ayes, 0 nays, Madam President, on the motion to advance LB 118.

PRESIDENT MOUL: LB 118 is advanced. Mr. Clerk, announcements