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CLERK: Mr. President, the next amendment I have, Senator Landis, AM2696, Senator.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Landis, recognized to open.

SENATOR LANDIS: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, you'll find a couple of amendments that I have on the gadget at this point. I'm going to withdraw them. It seems that the body, at this point, is content to let Senator Wickersham write my bill for me, so I'm going to let that happen, at least take those issues up, and I will await, if I should ever get to Select File, depending on whether I have LB 925 or just LB 914, depending on what the opponents want to do to my bill, I will draft these amendments into one. I will draft these amendments also on the cost issue that Senator Wickersham prevailed upon. Should he prevail on some of his upcoming amendments I will try to respond at one time with one piece of language rather than dribble out the amendments on the floor. It seems to me I'm now faced with a situation which the body needs to tell me what it supports and, having endorsed Senator Wickersham's previous amendment, they may want to go down that path further with the suggestions he has in mind upcoming. I'd like to get to those. I ask for the withdrawal of the amendment.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: The amendment is withdrawn.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Raikes would move to amend, AM2822. (AM2822, Legislative Journal page 1074.)

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Raikes, you're recognized to open.

SENATOR RAIKES: Thank you, Mr. Lieutenant Governor and members. This amendment would address basically two issues in the bill. One of them has already been addressed in an amendment that Senator Suttle offered earlier. It does two things. It's...it says that in order to receive the full credit proposed in the bill that a firm would have to offer prekindergarten child care and, in addition, the child care would have to be accredited. Now, if those requirements are not met then a business firm could claim a credit but it would be a smaller credit. In particular, if a firm decides only to offer school-age child