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Beutler, LB 128; Senator Bromm, LB 105. And, Mr. President, a confirmation report from Business and Labor, signed by its Chair. (Legislative Journal pages 468-472.)

Mr. President, the next amendment I have to LB 225 is by Senator Chambers. Page 5, line 26, strike "2003-04". (FA16, Legislative Journal page 472.)

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Chambers, you're recognized to open.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Mr. President, members of the Legislature, in honor to Senator Bromm, in honor of Senator Bromm, I am offering an amendment to show that I pay attention. What this amendment does is strike that third year. There were three, there are three now. I would subtract one, which leaves two. Now, Senator Bromm had suggested that this would not be objectionable to him. I'm not insisting that Senator Bromm vote for this amendment. I'm just mentioning it to let you know that I pay attention to what people on the floor say. Senator Landis said one year is not long enough to make an evaluation, and Senator Bourne said the same thing. Senator Vrtiska may have suggested as much. Senator Landis was absolutely correct when he said that the adoption of any of my amendments...well, he didn't make it that broad but I will...the adoption of any of my amendments would not have terminated my opposition to this bill. I do not want to see a bill like this enacted, so I am trying to diminish or mitigate the amount of harm or damage that will be done should it be enacted into law. All that this amendment does on the page where the number of years is listed, and I will say it for the record, on page 5, in line 26, my amendment would strike the word "and" plus the numbers "2003-04". That's what my amendment would do. The effect would be to strike the third year. I know to a certainty, in view of conversations that I've recently had, that there are people in opposition to the bill in any form in the same way that I'm opposed to it, but we will have no way of knowing of a certainty how many will oppose it until we get to a vote on the bill. Before reaching that point, I want to have done whatever I can at this stage of debate. I assure my colleagues that if this bill moves on I'm like one of those persons who gets stuck in time. I will do this again on