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PRESIDENT: Senator Warner, will you discuss this then?
Senator Wagner.

SENATOR WAGNER: Mr. Speaker and members, this amendment that Senator Landis and Senator Peterson put on the other day, it did not have a public hearing. It came about here on Select File and I really think it does and if he would I would like to have...Senator Pirsch, could I ask you a question?

PRESIDENT: Senator Pirsch, will you respond?

SENATOR PIRSCH: Yes.

SENATOR WAGNER: Senator Pirsch, what was the nature of your bill there when we had it before the committee?

SENATOR PIRSCH: Originally it was just a simple bill adding into the same provision of neurological, neuromuscular, only the use of the arms which is as I said on the floor, sometimes more debilitating than the legs because you can wheel up to a workbench and work with your hands but when your hands and arms are involved in neurological-neuromuscular, you can walk up to the workbench but you can't work.

SENATOR WAGNER: How many pages was in your bill?

SENATOR PIRSCH: How many pages?

SENATOR WAGNER: Mmm, hmm.

SENATOR PIRSCH: There was just one simple line, Senator Wagner.

SENATOR WAGNER: Was there any discussion about the Landis and Peterson amendment at that time?

SENATOR PIRSCH: At the time...

SENATOR WAGNER: Of the hearing.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Of the hearing. Yes, I believe there was some comment about this and I don't know what the committee talked about when I was not there but I would assume that before they went into that detailed and, as it turns out, controversial extension of that bill, that they would have a public hearing and evidently the committee felt that that deserved a separate bill and separate hearing also because they did not then adopt or amend my simple little bill at that time but passed it out of the committee as it was.