

people in the Legislature supported on Final Reading. But it was only after lengthy, lengthy debates. Now what Senator Cullan is asking us to do this morning is to take all of these issues in a forty-seven page set of amendments that we saw for the first time earlier today and use them to replace a bill on General File. Now I think that Senator Wesely is absolutely right, that this issue is far, far too complicated for us to be debating it on the floor or legislating about it on the floor without some time to distribute these ideas to the public at large so everyone around the state can come have some input, and without those of us in the Legislature who would like to be prepared to respond to Senator Cullan have an opportunity to do that. You will recall last week Senator Newell and I had some amendments on an SID bill that were one-thousandth as complicated as this in terms of substance. We agreed to have that go back to committee. We had a hearing yesterday and we will be able to debate that measure on the floor in the next week or two. This is so complicated and there are so many ramifications, and those of us who want to get involved in the debate are going to need the time to prepare ourselves, and I don't think it is at all unreasonable, surely consistent with the rules of this body, for us to refer this back to committee. So I am going to oppose these amendments unless Senator Cullan agrees to sent it back to committee so it can be processed as a new bill would be processed with a committee hearing. If he does make such an agreement, I will support the amendments but otherwise I would oppose them and I will ask you to oppose them as well. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Newell.

SENATOR NEWELL: Mr. President, members of the body, I would like to ask Senator Cullan a question if I might. Yes, Senator Cullan, at this time the changes that you are offering are quite significant and quite different from the original bill, is it your intention to, if these amendments are adopted, to then send the bill back to committee for a public hearing?

SENATOR CULLAN: No, it isn't, Senator Newell, and I would not concede that the issues alleged in these amendments to LB 378 are not significantly different than LB 378 as it has been amended, as it has been introduced. I think that they deal with the same subject matters. A few numbers are different but I don't think that there are a tremendous difference in the two bills, in my amendments versus 378, which would warrant another hearing.