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as Senator Cullan has before you. The language of the amendments are now being run off so we should have some exact language ready for you in a little bit. And the problem that we have and let me just deal with that at this point, is a time factor and I have tried to work over the weekend to try and come up with five key amendments to this bill rather than the 25 amendments that have been up there before. And the problem is quite frankly this, the burden is on my shoulders with time and with the effort that has been undertaken on the other side in favor of this bill. It has been very difficult for me to try and have the information put together with the time frame that has been provided, which gets back to the whole basis of my opposition to the way this bill is being handled, rather than giving us a chance to deal with the specific items and there are so many in this bill. Again, I point out there are 17 items in the handout I have got that deals with key issues in this legislation, and to try and sort through those 17 key problems with more that we could have added but we wanted to concentrate on just those 17 to break those down into five areas that we can amend today, has been very difficult. Now you not being even in as much time being spent on this issue as I have spent are certainly going to be saying, now what are you trying to do, Wesely, what is in this amendment and what is going on with this issue? Well, I tell you that I am not trying to do this purposely. I am trying to get this issue raised and some points made and some questions answered, but I am trying to do it without a public hearing, without the time to prepare adequately, and again as you know the Health Department is under the Governor, so whereas before they were helpful in the past, are not helpful this time, and I am relying on personal staff and the fact is it has been very difficult to deal with this issue, which gets back again to the whole basis of my opposition to the way the bill is being handled. We are passing out information. We are passing out as much as we can to identify what the issues are, but if your concerns are as mine are that this bill should not be handled as swiftly as it is being handled, then I agree with you and I wish we could deal with it another way. But this is the best I can do under the time I have been given and the amendments that are before you will go into the different subject areas that have been passed out on the summary sheets so I would suggest you begin by reviewing there, you begin by looking at the editorial that was passed out from the World Herald which opposes weakening of the bill, and keep in mind that the intent I have is to try and bring the bill out back up to some reasonable standards and not to let it be weakened significantly as Senator Cullan has done through

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