

one final comment. This bill has been pending for several days here.

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR MCFARLAND: One minute, thank you. I have sent a note around explaining the purpose of the act and everything. If there were amendments to be added, I think there has been plenty of time to do it. This bill I hope will advance on General File. If people have concerns about the bill, the way it is phrased, gosh, bring the amendments to me between now and Select File. I will be glad to respond to them, to look them over, to address them, and then on Select File, we can debate those amendments, but I think we are just wasting entirely too much time trying to amend this bill on the floor of the Legislature, and these amendments have not ever been entered in the Journal or anything else, and if they are being hand drafted, I think some of them are valid concerns, but I am wondering as far as drafting them right now today might lead to some problems with the bill as far as how it is phrased and how it is written. So I would just ask that any amendments be delayed until Select File and I will be glad to work with any senator that wants to introduce an amendment at that time. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Moore, then Senator Coordsen, then Senator Warner.

SENATOR MOORE: Mr. President and members, I wasn't going to speak on this amendment until I heard Senator McFarland's reasons for not voting for it. I guess I assume that he'd just confirm my fears on why we shouldn't vote for the bill. I mean if Senator McFarland has, basically, said that we should not take a look at his program, even though it seems like it may be the will of the body to begin it, he is concerned about us taking an automatic look at it in four years. He is concerned that the budget may grow, we may not be so wild about in 1993, in four years, and I guess I assume that Senator Hefner's amendment, as we said with the last one, simply makes a bad bill better, but I would hope the body would first listen closely to what McFarland said and then vote against advancement in the end, but in the meantime vote for Senator Hefner's amendment and at least, like I said, make a bad bill better.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Coordsen, please.