

SPEAKER BARRETT: Any discussion on the Landis amendment? Any closing comments, Senator Landis?

SENATOR LANDIS: I will proceed from here to go on to discuss the bill, itself. I would urge the adoption of the committee or, rather, this amendment so we can discuss the bill.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. The question is the adoption of the Landis amendment to LB 92. Those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Please record.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of Senator Landis's amendment to the bill.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The amendment is adopted. Senator Landis, on the bill.

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature. Senator Schmit brought up a good point and, that is, you take a bill this big and undoubtedly there are things when you go through there with a fine-tooth-comb you would like to change, some adjustments, and early on, I had to decide how we were going to approach this bill. For example, do we let it lay there for a good long time so we can have that kind of refinement process and a lot of examination? Or do we take the work product of the task force and move it along? Because this bill opens so many subject matters, so many sections, and makes them available for amendment, it is the grandest potential Christmas tree of the entire session. There are so many branches to this tree and they offer so many opportunities for the placing of little ornaments on them that I thought the longer this bill hangs around the more creative my colleagues are going to become and the less that the work of the task force will be recognizable at the end of the deliberations. So it was my thought that we would take this bill on its face, look at the provisions, take as much time as we needed in floor discussion but to move the bill. We have a second bill that the committee has available to it that will follow as a trailer. If, for example, we find that there are, after we scratch our head and look, some additional adjustments, we will have the opportunity to make refinements but not necessarily in this bill, which I would rather see move along expeditiously, pursuant, of course, to your understanding of the issues, rather than to have it delayed and stand around just waiting for whatever adjustments