

isn't perfect harmony, I suppose. And at the committee hearing, there was no objection to the bill. Senator Haberman, in what I thought was an excellent line of questioning, and I think grilled would be the fair word, I mean it wasn't done with any malice, but he had listed each different one of these provisions that he wanted to know about, and Bill McCartney and Bob Lange were up there for I would say 45 minutes while Rex went through I would say at least 25 sections of this bill and asked questions, and with every one of them, the committee was satisfied. The department had an answer and there was nobody to take objection in the committee room. Can I promise you there is no controversy? I can't make that kind of a promise. I have not been able to identify any controversy. Why? Because the changes generally were the suggestions of the department to the industry, not the other way around.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Well, thank you, Senator Landis. I appreciate your attempts to limit the controversial areas in certain other bills and to produce a noncontroversial document which we have here today. I just want to call attention, again, to the fact that I have no objection to moving the bill but I do think that we should take a little time and review it as individuals because the 49 of us may discover something on this floor that the eight individuals in the committee did not understand and, frequently, in the legislative process what passes as acceptable to the industry and even to the regulatory agency is not always beneficial to the public. I want to point out we are struggling today with ag land valuations and we are going to continue to struggle, as we go way back a number of years ago...

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR SCHMIT: ...when an ag land valuation task force created 271 and began a whole series of problems which we all have worked very diligently, including Senator Landis, to try to remedy. And so I want to be sure, as sure as we can be, Senator Landis, as you have indicated we cannot be 100 percent certain, that there is not anything in here which will embarrass us in the months or years ahead and, of course, if it does happen, we will have to come back and correct it. But I would just alert you as legislators and individuals that there ought to be a record established that we did take a look at the bill, that we just didn't advance it based upon a task force recommendation, because if difficulties do surface, our constituency is not going to accept the fact that we accepted someone else's word on