

was...in effect would be subject to sunset as it was originally established, next year. And the legislation is to, in part, continue it and in part phase out a portion of the original proposal. The committee amendment...Mr. Clerk, is there an amendment to the committee amendment by Senator Landis?

CLERK: Yes, sir, there is but it's offered by Senator Landis.

SENATOR WARNER: Right. Should...is it appropriate to adopt the committee amendments before we take that up or does it...it doesn't make any difference?

PRESIDENT: Are you prepared to handled that for Senator Landis? I don't see him here, Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: It's not...I mean, the amendment is fine but I assumed he was going to...

PRESIDENT: Would you just as soon take it up now or after you have explained the amendments to us?

SENATOR WARNER: Procedurally, we need to take it up before. Does it make any difference?

PRESIDENT: All right, why don't you go ahead with it then if it's all right with you, Senator Warner.

CLERK: Senator, for your...I understand Senator Landis is on his way to the Chamber, so he will be here in just a moment. Senator Landis would move to amend the committee amendments. The Landis amendment is on page 2178 of the Journal.

PRESIDENT: Senator Landis, please.

SENATOR LANDIS: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, if you ever take a look at those Ben Gay commercials, there are these joints and they have little thunderbolts coming out of the joints indicating pain the joints and in the public policy world every now and then there is one of those joints where those thunderbolts come out and the natural gas industry and the municipalities of this state are kind of that throbbing Excedrin headache. Well, this amendment says that the severance tax money given to the energy department will not be used to fund programs in which the energy department goes out and tells cities to municipalize their natural gas apparatus in the city.