

consideration at this time.

SPEAKER BARRETT: For purposes of discussion of the Wehrbein amendment, Senator Landis. Senator Warner. Senator Abboud, would you care to discuss the amendment.

SENATOR ABBOD: Yes, Mr. President, and colleagues, I rise to support Senator Wehrbein's amendment. The only reason really that I feel that it is a worthy amendment, probably the top reason why it's a worthy amendment is the fact that when we get involved in the regulation of certain employees, I think it is important that the laws be consistent and not conflict with federal regulations. When you get involved with regulating alcohol and drug testing, the federal government in certain industries has been very progressive in requiring certain drug and alcohol testing for certain employees. Now we have all seen on TV and read in newspapers about the tragedies that have occurred on railroads by employees that have used drug or alcohol while under their employment, and the federal government reacted in a manner of providing for certain testing requirements, and that is really what our bill would come in conflict with. I think that the federal government has done an adequate job in providing for drug and alcohol testing of employees and I think that in instances where there is adequate testing that we do not need to become involved in that particular area. So I would move the Wehrbein amendment. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. An amendment on the desk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Chambers would move to amend the Wehrbein amendment. (See FA385 on page 1053 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER BARRETT: The Chair recognizes Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman, and members of the Legislature, I had to offer this amendment because I see something in this amendment that I have to ask Senator Wehrbein about. Senator Wehrbein, would you answer a question?

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Sure.