SENATOR WESELY: Yes.

SPEAKER BARRETT: If there is no objection, so ordered.

SENATOR WESELY: Okay, thank you. Mr. Speaker, members, the original amendment which was, I believe, in the Journal, if I am not mistaken.

CLERK: Yes.

SENATOR WESELY: Okay, what page is that on?

CLERK: The original was on 1003, Senator.

SENATOR WESELY: Dealt with a problem that was brought to my attention by the Department of Health in implementing the training requirements of this bill. There was a penalty against the workers that would work on training but not against the employers who would have those workers work on asbestos projects untrained, so that the real...there was a gap evidently in enforcement of the law. So the original amendment, if you look on 1003, would have dealt with a business entity engaged in an asbestos project that did not provide the training that they were supposed to, would have a civil penalty. Now the original amendment that was in the Journal would have had that penalty be between five and twenty-five thousand dollars, first offense, and between twenty-five and a hundred thousand dollars for second or subsequent offense. It was felt that that was a little steep and so this amendment would make the penalty $500 to $5,000, and then $5000 and greater. So it recognizes the potential of errors to be made. I also want to indicate that elsewhere in the bill there was a waiver provision so that if somebody, under the provisions of the bill, did not provide the training or otherwise as they were supposed to that the department could waive the fines and provide a period of time in which the offending business or individual could comply, and then they wouldn't have any fine at all. So we think it is a pretty reasonable amendment. I would move for the adoption of it.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Discussion on the Wesely amendment, Senator Goodrich, followed by Senator Hannibal.

SENATOR GOODRICH: Senator Wesely, would you yield to a couple