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agree with or at least reiterate the point, Senator Labeledz explained my explana...or read my explanation to her how the process works and that's helpful, I think, in terms of understanding the bill.

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR SCOFIELD: She is, in fact, correct that any organization could apply for the grant but then the next steps that kick in, first is that community consent process, given the experience of these communities and, let's face it, some of us have worked very closely with communities, we know that when you go through that whole process of getting the sign-offs that you sometimes have a lot of trouble getting other groups to sign off on things if there is any sign of controversy at all. So that's your first safeguard, Senator Labeledz. And then your second safeguard would be the state level screening process and so I don't think we've got a problem here other than what we are...we're creating monsters before our eyes here today that simply aren't out there. And I know we get a little paranoid toward the end of the session. I just asked the doctor of the day over here if he was a psychiatrist because maybe that's what we need instead of a family practice person in here. So I think we ought to reject the Landis amendment. I think we ought to get on about business and read this bill. Yes, there is some risk attached, I think, given the language that Senator Labeledz amended in.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Time.

SENATOR SCOFIELD: But if she wants to take that risk with losing the money to the communities, she has won and I'm willing to say let's read it.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Peterson. Senator Peterson. Senator...Senator Landis, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR LANDIS: I would rise for the purpose of withdrawing my amendment since both Senator Labeledz and Senator Scofield are in opposition to it, and if it's within the Chair's prerogative to permit me to make that request at this time, I would withdraw my motion.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. So ordered. Mr. Clerk.