

SENATOR LANDIS: Senator Dierks. Senator Dierks' amendment attempts to target and to sharpen the focus of my own amendment, and I certainly would accept it. I again indicate it's one of several ways of formulating it. This one is certainly acceptable to me, and I will vote for it. In the event it fails I'll continue to support the numbers that are already in the amendment. Senator Morrissey had a comment to make, and I noticed his red light on the call of the question. I'd like to yield time to Senator Morrissey, and whatever he doesn't use I'll use to close.

PRESIDENT: Senator Morrissey, you have three minutes.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Thank you. Thank you, Senator Landis. I'm sort of under obligation to speak here. I don't want to sound like I'm anti-business, I'm not, but actually the only way I could be any lower on the state chamber's list is if Ernie's plane would go down in flames on the way to Texas today. But the Governor says for long-term solutions we need to hear from the people. I heard from them this morning. I was at the restaurant in Tecumseh, there was about 20 folks there. And they told me, they said, we want you to go up there today and pound your fist on the table and tell them whose going to pay for this \$12 million shortfall; we know who it is, it's going to be us. We want you to go up there, pound your fist, and tell them we want a solution, we don't want to carry the load anymore. And I think this is a good solution. The lobby, yesterday, told me that we couldn't vote against it. Being that I'm not anti-business I thought well, that...it would hurt some of my businesses down there. But Senator Dierks solved that problem with me, by graduating it. I think really, if we want to do something, I think now is the time to make a statement and do it. And I think this is a good vehicle to use. By the way, those guys are all going deer hunting, and they all had guns, so I had to stand up and say this. Thank you, David. (Laughter.)

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Landis, back to you, you have about, a little over a minute.

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you. We'll have this amendment, and then we'll have the underlying amendment to the committee amendment as well in this adoption. What I want to again signal to the body, as we close, is my agreement with Senator Warner on the concept that we should not create constitutional flaws that