

you know, with early intervention we might save ourselves some controversy later on down the line. And he used as an example the administrative agency change because, I think, it was the bioptic nerve, the people who had to have their driver's license rule changed on the basis of their vision. Can you imagine what you would have done had somebody delivered a packet of administrative agency rules on that subject to your office? Would you have read them? No. Would you have understood them? No. What happens to us in this business is that we associate our work with people, not with pages of rules and regs language. We don't spend our time reading them. We wait to talk to people who have problems. When they have problems we respond. We weren't going to catch that problem because there was a rule delivered to us, stuck in our already overbloated correspondence files. We took action because some person who had that bioptic nerve problem came to us and said, look, I'm now prejudiced by this rule, I think it ought to be changed. We respond to people, not to arcane, legalistic rules that are drafted by lawyers pursuant to laws that we've passed. This measure doesn't get us a sufficient good which we can't get through some other means to justify its passage. And just because it doesn't seem to have much significance attached doesn't mean we shouldn't do our job here and simply refine out unnecessary legislation like LB 22.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Landis. I'll now recognize Senator Coordsen.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Madam President, members of the body. Senator Landis makes sound and well-reasoned comments as to why LB 22 should be indefinitely postponed, basically because it's unnecessary, and because it might require the Legislature, through the Standing Committees, to do things that they can do or should be doing now. But we don't, I think, do it now. I would stand corrected, but if there is a committee or committee chairman that has asked to be placed on the mailing list of those agencies that they have general subject matter jurisdiction over, I would be surprised. If there has ever been presented to an agency hearing, on a rule or regulation, a comment from a Standing Committee, I would be surprised. As I indicated several days ago, the matter of legislative impact on Executive Board...or executive functions, because of the separation of powers doctrine, is a very touchy issue. The only thing that the Legislature can do...the only thing that we do do at this time, when a constituent, one of our staff people, or