

SENATOR HABERMAN: Are you telling us, Senator Landis,...

SENATOR LANDIS: You've softened me up.

SENATOR HABERMAN: ...that when we pass legislation that the agency never, by rules and regulations, tamper with the intent that the Legislature had in that legislation, that we...it stood from the debate, we understood from the amendments that we wished to have in that bill? Yes or no.

SENATOR LANDIS: Yeah. Any question that has the word "never" in it, probably has the answer no. And the answer to your question is, no, agencies are never guilty of tampering, which translated means, yes, sometimes agencies screw up.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Okay, then in the next breath you told us that if a citizen is having a problem that this rule and regulation is causing to upset their lifestyle, or their finances, or whatever, they are to come to their legislator and ask for legislation, or to change this possibly, maybe due to the intent of the legislation was not followed by the agency. So, I think what this legislation is saying, instead of having to have legislation introduced, adding onto those 800 bills, have a public hearing, go through all this, why not, why not check it in the first place before it becomes a solid rule and regulation which becomes law. I think that's what the bill is saying. I'm not going to ask you another question, Senator Landis. I'm going to let you use your own time. So, I'm going to ask this body not to indefinitely postpone LB 22, to call to your attention that a few years ago this body did pass legislation similar to this, the body passed it, and then the Governor at that time vetoed it with no explanation. So, there has to be some reason, and I would say it's not a good reason, that the state agencies and the executive branch does not want us to look and to have input in rules and regulations. Half of my problems that I have from my constituents are due to the state agencies, the way they interpret our legislation and they interpret the way they want to sitting in their little cubicle up on the floor in the statehouse building, they have no idea of how it affects the citizens and my constituents and your constituents. So, I urge you, do not indefinitely postpone LB 22, let's pass the legislation. Let's try it for a couple of years. Then if it's as bad as everybody says it is, I'll be one to stand up here on the floor and do away with it. Thank you,