

Madam President.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Haberman. Is there anyone else who wishes to speak on this issue? Seeing none, do you have a closing statement, Senator Landis?

SENATOR LANDIS: I do. And we have actually just a difference of agreement here on some philosophy. And I have to agree that agencies screw up, and some times they don't get our legislative intent right. I think Senator Coordsen has basically said, yes, it's true that we could do this work, if we just put our minds to it, but this creates a process. There are lots of areas where we would agree with each other's side here. On the other hand, if I...if I asked you, in private, without these TV cameras, how many of you have sat down and read the rules and regs of an administrative agency, it would be difficult, I think, to find that many of us had done it often. Now, I've been here 12 years and I've done it on a couple of occasions, every now and then I have reason to read the rules and regs, but very, very, very infrequently. Now, that may be a sign of my lack of diligence, I don't know. But, I'll tell you this, it sure would have been a waste of my time to spend my time reviewing all the rules and regs of the state that came out for the subject matter that my committee cared for, and it certainly would have been a waste of the time of my committee counsel to do that. Yes, there are problems there, but they come to the surface, and we do catch them later on because, basically, you can't look at the language and see the problem. It's got to have somebody who applies it before you really see the problem. It has to come down to a human being who gets into a difficulty. You can read these rules and regs, but it will be difficult to understand them and you won't see where the squeaky wheels are, if you do it. We can pass this bill, it will be no big deal if we do, it's all right; it's just that this bill is totally unnecessary. Anything that it accomplishes, we can accomplish without the bill. Anything that it accomplishes we can accomplish through diligence and through the flexibility we have without the bill. Why should we pass a law in that circumstance? I urge you to vote to indefinitely postpone.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you for your closing statement, Senator Landis. We will now proceed to vote on the motion to indefinitely postpone. It will take a simple majority of those voting. All those in favor of the motion to indefinitely postpone LB 22 please vote aye, opposed please vote nay. We are