

this sort of returns us to where we are currently with practice that the department follows. I would urge the adoption of this amendment. It is that one change in among a number of internal references, and it, hopefully, will save us from a Revisor's bill next year.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Landis. Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Madam President, members of the Legislature, obviously, this needs to be done, but it maybe provides an opportunity to make a comment. We have developed a practice over the years, more and more, of amending bills on Final Reading. And that printing is \$17.50 a sheet, this is a 51-page bill, that's an \$892 printing cost. And I don't know how to exactly go about avoiding this. There was a time I remember that most debate occurred on General File, Select File was the corrected file, for correction, and Final Reading essentially, it was a rare thing when they were pulled back. It seems to me it's almost become General File all over again. And, obviously, this needs to be done, because it will cost even more not to in the long run. But I think we have to start giving serious thought, if we're going to have a 4 percent cut in our operating for next year, and we will, I suspect, along with other agencies, maybe more, I think serious thought has to be given to some way or other address the process to avoid Final Reading becoming a major area of debate, major change in legislation, and most certainly a major cost when we have so many this year of these 50, 60, 100, over 100, 200-page bills, it's extremely costly. And there needs to be a process that we need to address each of ourselves to try and avoid that. With that comment, under the circumstances, this is appropriate to do because of the...even from a financial standpoint, and, obviously, it's logical to do because of necessity and having all these bills correlated appropriately. But I would urge the body give lots of thought to how we ought to change the process and avoid this being done every day that we have Final Reading.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Warner. Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: I certainly appreciate Senator Warner's comments. But, at the same time, I hope we're thinking of his comments in terms of long-term solutions and not in terms of what people do in here this year, given the process that is in place, because I think that it's everybody's right and duty to be sure that the best legislation that can get out of here is