

what does get out of here. And I don't think people should be intimidated from dealing with matters on Final Reading. If we're going to have consent calendar, for example, which floods this Legislature with bills that nobody has had an opportunity to look at, if we're going to do that, if we're going to use expediting procedures, if we're going to amend bills into other bills as we go along in the process, you have to expect that the third stage of debate is going to be an amending stage of debate. And I think that it's not appropriate to suggest, in the middle of a session, that somehow we shouldn't be doing this, because I think we should. And, if we want to change the system, we should change it at the beginning of the session so that there is some reasonable relationship between our workload and the time in which we have to do that work. And then we can get back to where we're amending bills on General File, and only once in a while on Select File, and almost never on Final Reading. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Is there any other debate on the motion to return to Select File? Seeing none, do you have closing, Senator Landis?

SENATOR LANDIS: I found that a very interesting colloquy and something for us all to think about. It goes to the nature of how well we plan our workload and how we execute it and how we can do it in the most efficient manner. To return to the question at hand, this needs to be done for a series of internal references, and ultimately will save us a Revisor's bill. It harmonizes four different pieces of legislation, all of which are quite significant and, in that sense, needs to be done in a timely fashion. I do find myself, I think, admonished by Senator Warner's remarks, to make sure that to the extent possible this work be done at a time in which we don't have added public costs in doing it. And I will do my best to meet that in a good faith manner. I would urge the adoption of the amendment.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Landis. We'll now vote on the motion to return to Select File. All those in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 34 ayes, 0 nays, Madam President, on the motion to return the bill.