

bill. First of all, we don't, as a course of action anymore, put sunsets on legislation. I look down the list here and I don't see a sunset on the dispute resolution process that Senator Landis would like to see adopted. Certainly don't see a sunset on 425 dealing with parental notification. Don't see a sunset on occasional sale for sales tax purposes or any other bills here. Why do you propose a sunset on a bill? Well you propose a sunset on a bill when as a body we kind of collectively reach a decision that we think we like this policy change, but we're not sure that we want to institutionalize this in the statutes forever, nor until somebody goes through the process of getting a bill to repeal it. So we want to build in a mechanism whereby we will try the bill for a while, look at it again, get answers to our questions and then either do one of three things; repass it, decide it wasn't a good policy and allow it to go out of existence or make some changes to make the policy...say we continue to endorse the policy, but say we need some changes in it. Two years ago as a body we put a sunset on LB 91. We tried it for two years. This last summer and fall we looked at the concept. We've been doing that through the committee process and through debate here on the floor today. We made some changes in it. We decided that we didn't put enough of a performance concept into it to feel comfortable with it, so we've added one. We didn't go as far as Senator Abboud would like to and we didn't go the original position of NSEA, saying they don't want any of it. We've kind of come to a conclusion that we want some sort of performance built into the future of this bill. Secondly, we decided we didn't really like the way the money was distributed. Senator Conway suggested a procedure, we tried it for two years, we didn't like it, so we made a change there. But what unanswered questions do we have remaining that another two years examination of this bill? Are there any more significant questions than there are in any other bills before us today? We don't have, again, a sunset on the lottery. We don't have a sunset on a constitutional amendment for the lottery, any of those other measures. I think it's time to make the adjustments in LB 91. If we're going to adopt the policy that it is a state obligation to help with teachers' salaries, say that we believe that, that it ought to be, put it in the statutes and then it will be an ongoing program of state government like all the other things are that we're dealing with. Before I got here to the body, and Senator Warner I know has told some anecdotes about the sunset process, we had a phase where we put a sunset on everything and then every few years we'd go through and analyze existing programs of government and