

amendments.

SPEAKER BAACK: Discussion of the amendment to the amendment by Senator Wesely. Senator Landis, did you wish to discuss this amendment?

SENATOR LANDIS: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I'm grateful to have Senator Wesely's explanation. There is a question that I had raised to him and to supporters of the bill, and there has been some action on that, and I'm grateful for that. What I'm seeking, however, in this speech is a clarification of what language will be left in the bill. And, frankly, I found it difficult to read the amendment and to piece together the language, so I'm going to need Senator Wesely's help. Let me flag for you the issue that I raised with Senator Wesely in private, and that was the wisdom of creating a legislative entitlement program. Entitlements, as you know, become statutory obligations which are obligations against the state such that were we unable to fund them with existing revenues we would be required to raise a sufficient number of revenues to meet that entitlement program. I told Senator Wesely that I was not interested in voting for 830 in the event we were binding ourselves to a future entitlement program. Senator Wesely, upon reflection, said he understood, and I believe that the language on 1895 seeks to strike the language which created the entitlement, leaving, as I understand from his description, the necessity of studying the issue and considering its adoption. But I am, because I find in the amendment concern about the language, it says in line 18 strike subsection 5 by, and insert subsection 6, it is the intent of the Legislature that by...I can't tell where that is that that's amending, so I can't see the language. May I ask Senator Wesely the question of, what the provision would read, or where may I find the provision being amended to see to it that the entitlement language is, in fact, struck. By piecing it together quickly I can't do that right now, and I'm asking for some assistance. And I'm asking the Chair if Senator Wesely would yield for that purpose.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you. We're dealing with page 13, I understand, of the bill, and the...what I...what...we'll have to take and turn these amendments all into a white copy. But the intent, let me tell you again, is that we do go to an