

SPEAKER BAACK: Would you repeat that, Senator Nelson. Are you questioning whether this is an amendment to the committee amendments or an amendment to the bill?

SENATOR NELSON: Right, I understand it is an amendment to the bill instead of an amendment to the committee amendments.

SPEAKER BAACK: You are absolutely correct. It is an amendment to the bill, not to the committee amendments. So it is out of order.

SENATOR NELSON: Like I say, it was a bad amendment anyhow and I hate to do it to my friend.

SPEAKER BAACK: I am not ruling on whether it is a bad amendment or whether he is your friend. I am just saying it is out of order. We are back to the committee amendments. Discussion on the committee amendments, Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes, Mr. Speaker and members. I would have some questions. I don't know whether it would be Senator Nelson or perhaps Senator Landis. We are actually on the 36-month issue at this point as part of the committee amendments, if I correct, is that right, Senator Nelson?

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Nelson.

SENATOR NELSON: That is what I would say, um-huh.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Is there an obvious reason why we didn't...we went from 36 to 12 and skipped 24 months?

SENATOR NELSON: No, Senator Wehrbein. I still feel that it should be 12 months with the amendment that I will offer on Select File that changes it from "shall" to "may" and gives them the option to cancel the contract. In other words, it is more or less an agreement. We did think of 24 months. There is no...you know, how do you know whether somebody is going to cheat in 12 months, 2 months or 48 months?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Well, I'd just make some general comments because I don't know anything about this. I have never belonged to one, but I assume that they like the contracts because it assures longevity. It is much like being in a bowling league. You have some dependable sources of income over a period of