

emphasize that LB 360 this morning is not going to be the final form of LB 360. We will have a Select File amendment that hopefully will reinstate the three judge appeal within the court, but it will provide for a system that will...it is the hopes of the Business and Labor Committee at least will provide for a system that will make these benefits more quickly determined, get rid of the backlog over a period of time and get the resolution of disputed cases resolved in a more expeditious manner. The bill is hopefully a major issue and should serve the people who are covered by worker's compensation in the state well, much better than the current system. So with that I would encourage the adoption of the committee amendments and I would respond to any questions.

SENATOR WARNER PRESIDING

SENATOR WARNER: Senator Lindsay.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Mr. Speaker, members, I rise at this point, I will be voting in favor of LB 360, but I want to set forth for the record that it is with the understanding that there will be some changes made at Select File. I cannot and I will not support LB 360 in its present form, but I'm hopeful that an agreement can be reached by Select File. For the record, it is also my understanding that Senator Coordsen has done an excellent job in negotiating between the parties. That should also be set forth and everything he has said about there being an amendment, again, that's my understanding and I would concur with that, but for the record, for those who may be involved in the negotiation, it's simply in its present form I won't support it, but I will advance it on to Select File for purposes of trying to reach an agreement.

SENATOR WARNER: Senator Kristensen, followed by Senator Abboud. Senator Kristensen.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature, Senator Coordsen, I, too, rise and I want to thank you for promising to do something on Select File. Certainly 360 as it stands today is something I couldn't support and would work very hard to defeat, but I think you have indicated to me off the floor that this amendment would allow for the three judge rehearing. That will help address the backlog in the appeals system. That's a very good system to do that. What I couldn't do is then allow those appeals to go directly to the