

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Warner. Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I hope the body will advance the measure. We have had a good discussion and the body has basically said to Senator Chambers, there were some rough edges, we've knocked them off. We may not have done all of the rough edge knocking off that the body wants to do. What I hope we don't do is throw away the suggestions and contributions of people like Senator Matzke and Senator Bromm and others who have said, look, I will go part of the way, I will help address part of the problem. I won't sign on to LB 20 the way you've written it, Senator Chambers, but I will do something for people who are disadvantaged, we know they're disadvantaged in the marketplace and we'll do something. We'll try to fashion an appropriate bill, not an overreaching one. What we need to do is, we need to make sure that that process continues. This bill needs to advance. What I'm hoping is that those of you who say to yourself, well I'm not sure I support everything that is in the bill; I hope you'll say to yourself, look, we have a process to continue to refine that. What I hope we don't do is to say go back to the beginning. I'm sorry, this doesn't please me in every respect, therefore, I'll vote no. That's we have a refining process in the Select File. If, in the end, the bill is not something you can live with, you get to vote against it on Final Reading, but do not turn your back on people in need, people who do not have strong advocates, people who do not have suits out in front of this Rotunda telling us what to do, people who are in genuine need and who are disadvantaged in the way we currently do business. Don't worry about the suits, they'll be fine. We advanced \$250,000 the other day to help them out in economic development. The Banking Committee is poised to report out a \$3 million bill to help out the suits, we're going to do lots of things for the suits. But make sure that in the refinement of an idea that you give yourself a chance on Select File to continue to refine this bill to make it something you can support and live with. Don't turn your back at the first evadable opportunity on people in real need because that's what is behind this bill. Vote for it for today and decide at a later time whether it's a bill that you can endorse top to bottom with a final decision on the bill. But give this bill a chance to continue to be refined and improved so that the body can stand behind it. I intend to vote for it, I hope you will. If you have open questions, answer them on Select File rather than on General File. Give these people an equal chance as we give the suits.