

SENATOR LANDIS: One minute, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So I will support this amendment and I really haven't heard any arguments against it other than to say, I don't want to see that in the bill, which to me is not an argument, it's an assertion with no weight or merit in terms of meeting and overcoming Senator Wesely's good arguments in favor of our acceptance of his amendment.

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Hall, you are recognized for the third time on this amendment.

SENATOR HALL: Senator Landis, Senator Hall yields to Senator Oats. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR LANDIS: Senator Chambers, you have Senator Hall's third and final opportunity to speak on this amendment, and then, Senator Wesely, you are recognized to close.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. And that reference, Mr. Chair, was to Hall and Oats, and I'm sure you're aware of that. This amendment, I think, would improve the bill and if there was somebody in support of the bill, I would ask them, what really is the substantive argument against putting this in a piece of legislation like this? The state is binding itself. The state, through some of the provisions in LB 680, explain what can be done to one of these companies which may not want to come clean. Even when one of these cities or joint entities want to get a declaration from a court reference to its right to incur indebtedness, goes to court and obtains a decision one way or the other, that entity is the one that has to pay the court costs and the lawyer fees. So there are specifications and creation of duties throughout these bills on everybody, but there is no specification relative to the duty owed to those for whom all this supposedly is being done and that is the category known as workers. The workers are being passed over and ignored. Without Senator Wesely's amendment, everything relative to the welfare of the worker is based on a hope and a hunch. Senator Warner, you had talked, and I'm...this...you may not have to answer, you had talked about dividing the number of jobs that have to be created into the amount of investment and determining, to some extent, what each job might pay per worker. He nodded yes. And I think that is a way that you could do it to get an amount, but if there are employees hired at different levels for different activities, we know that there can be a