

point. And I don't mean the argument of takings is not an important issue but it's not any...this bill is not going to do anything to help us one way or the other on the takings issue. We're not going to be any closer, except to be able to go to people and say, hey, we passed the takings law, oh by the way, it didn't do anything, but boy, aren't you proud of us. But there are some things down there that we spent a lot of time discussing, on this particular bill, that obviously we're beginning to not to get to. And we're getting stoppages now on General File and Select File, and we're beginning to feel that pressure of are we going to get to some of those issues? I think it's time that we say it was a good idea, Jim, we're sympathetic with what you're trying to do on takings, but this is not the bill that will do it. Maybe we can come back next year with a bill that can actually be more productive and really do some of the things that you're talking about doing. I don't think we should take a long time on the motion. I think we should hopefully just debate what we can and get to a vote. If it's agreed to, fine; if it's not agreed to, then we'll go on through the next amendments and slowly go on as we have been. Thank you.

**SPEAKER WITHEM:** On the motion to indefinitely postpone we have lights from Senator Landis, Bromm and Chambers. Senator Landis.

**SENATOR LANDIS:** Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, this is really the issue we probably should be talking about whether or not we support 168 or not. I listened to the closing on the Jones amendment because I thought it was a capsule view of the supporters of the bill. Senator Jones said that we needed to register our intent. I would respectfully suggest that this is not a statement of intent, if we wanted that we'd do a resolution. This is a bill, it changes the way the government is going to operate. It's not a statement of intent, it's far more. That can't be the rationale that we're doing this for. The second thing he suggested was, no, you know there are some changes going on in Washington, we have to be aware of what's happening at that level, we ought to get in line. Getting in line with Washington isn't the message I get from my constituents, I don't think Washington is the view...is the fountainhead of great ideas, necessarily. I don't know that I want to necessarily say, gosh, I intend to hitch my wagon to the star of Washington, D.C. I wouldn't look to that as the place to start drawing my lesson for what constitutes good policy. Senator Bromm said, and I thought we were going to get to it,