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LB 385

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Landis, to open on the amendment.

SENATOR LANDIS: This brief amendment was brought to us by the Workers' Comp Court who wanted to be very explicit that none of their existing fraud inspection or investigation responsibilities are curtailed in any way. We wanted to be sure that they were entitled to the same provisions and yet also keep their existing workload. So it says that this bill will not limit any powers granted elsewhere with the laws of this state to the Workers' Comp Court to investigate and examine possible violations of law or to take appropriate action. So the Comp Court will retain its abilities to see and oversee the investigation of fraud in that area and, for that purpose, I have accepted and asked the body to endorse this provision brought to us by the Workers' Comp Court to let them do what they're currently doing.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Landis. Any discussion of the Landis amendment? Senator Abboud.

SENATOR ABBOD: Yes, Madam President, colleagues, I rise to support the amendment. I think this amendment is a good addition to include the workers' compensation in this process of trying to reduce fraud in litigation. So I rise to support the amendment.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Abboud. Is there any further discussion of the Landis amendment? Seeing none, Senator Landis waives closing. The question before you is the adoption of the Landis amendment to LB 385. All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Please record.

CLERK: 28 ayes, 0 nays, Madam President, on the adoption of Senator Landis's amendment.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: The Landis amendment is adopted. Anything further on the bill?

CLERK: Nothing further on the bill, Madam President.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: The Chair recognizes Senator Landis to open on L3 385.