

in seeing that the boilers are in fact correctly inspected. With respect to those that are self-insured, it seems to me that there are two problems, only one of which the Department of Labor solves. The one problem is whether the inspector is qualified to inspect the employee of the company and they do require that they meet certain standards so that is not the problem area from my perspective anyway. But the other problem area is simply whether an employee of a company is really in a position to be objective and to give a fair and objective report on their own company. And from my perspective the whole bill is a very good one, but it goes a little too far in this respect and so I asked the Department of Labor if it would be all right if we struck that provision which would simply result in the current system pertaining and the state inspector would go out and inspect those companies that were self-insured. That's the purpose of the amendment. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Senator Abboud.

SENATOR ABOUD: Yes, Senator Beutler, did you print this amendment in the Journal or is this something you just kind of popped up here on the...would Senator Beutler yield to a question, Mr. President?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Kind of popped up.

SENATOR ABOUD: Just popped up today?

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: I guess from your perspective, Senator, it probably did pop up today. It's in front of you. It is printed. The whole sum and substance of it is striking subsection 4 on page 7.

SENATOR ABOUD: Did you talk to the sponsor of the bill about the amendment?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Yes, I talked to Senator Fisher some time ago about it and he asked me to talk to the Department of Labor about it, which I have done on a couple of occasions. And it's my understanding that they have no objection to the amendment.

SENATOR ABOUD: Okay. Did the...is it your understanding that the state currently inspects these self-insured companies?