

recognized. Does not. Thank you. Senator Witek, you are recognized on this portion.

SENATOR WITEK: Mr. President, members of the body, I rise in opposition to this portion of the Lindsay amendment and the entire Lindsay amendments. After reviewing the Lindsay amendment, I am opposed to so many parts of the Lindsay amendment that, even though my portion of the amendment I would like to see done this year, I won't give it up for the rest of the portions that I would have to give up in the Lindsay amendment. And I would suggest that members of the body do not try to amend the Lindsay amendment because it's my opinion that what will happen is if that amendment is adopted, that individual will feel compelled to vote for the entire Lindsay amendment when we reach cloture this evening or after eight hours of debate, and I would hope that those individuals would not do so and vote in opposition to the Lindsay amendment, vote against the Lindsay amendment and just move 371, in its form of what we moved at the end of cloture the last time we voted for cloture, ahead on Select File to Final Reading. Thank you.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Senator Witek. Senator Abboud, you are recognized on this portion.

SENATOR ABOUD: Mr. President, members, I rise in opposition to this portion of the amendment. The language provides that an individual that is charged with criming...a crime involving the use of a weapon such as armed robbery is one example or...and there's others that I will provide later to you, that an individual could not also be charged with the use of a weapon. And I believe, at this time in which we have a concern among people in the state is over the use of weapons in a violent manner in which it inflicts harm upon another individual, I think at this particular time we should stand tough on the issues of the use of a weapon when it involves the possible killing or injuring or maiming of another individual. I don't see how this fits into the idea of a crime bill. Of course, there are some other parts that I didn't feel that it fits in but I felt that when the bill was advanced out of committee it was in a form that this body could support. And I voted it out of committee twice and on each occasion I felt that it was a good piece of legislation, and I felt that when the bill was advanced over from General File to Select File I felt that I could continue to vote for it on Select as well as Final Reading. But if this is the kind of amendments and language