

SENATOR WITEK: ...we need.

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President and members of the Legislature, I'm not going to support Senator Lindsay's amendment at this time. I think since his amendment is before us, we can discuss the type of information which should be contained in a report. Senator Beutler stated a position with which I agree, and that's that more information should be sought rather than less. And despite the fact that an effort may have been made earlier to craft an amendment which would be acceptable, we should not give up on the effort. I'm going to put an amendment to Senator Lindsay's amendment on the Clerk's desk, and I'm not going to have it printed up because I want to save some paper and perhaps no amendment has a realistic chance of being adopted. But whether or not that chance exists or not, there are some things that I want to put into the record. I do believe, and nobody can persuade me otherwise, that we're engaging in a purely 100 percent political endeavor. Were it not for the political climate, a bill such as this would not be before us. I'm going to offer a series of amendments which will be primarily aimed at cleaning up some of the language in this bill. They might seem trifling, and maybe they are, but instead of putting words in a piece of legislation like "tools", I would rather we use a word such as "means". Instead of saying these are the tools for doing this, the means by which it will be done, even though we're doing work like jackleg carpenters, I hope the language in our statutes will not be that of jackleg carpentry. And we will not be so careless and slipshod in the way we express our ideas that we demean not only the process of legislating, but demean the language itself. Those things are important. When I was in law school, I'm not aware of people having been graded down for misspelling words, using ungrammatical sentences, and whatnot, but it has always been my practice, as much as is possible under the circumstances, to write complete sentences, to write grammatical sentences. This is not to say using what people call standard or stilted English, but where there's a subject, a predicate, and if an adjective is used, you're clear on which word the adjective is designed to modify. I like to put comments where...commas where they belong. For example, Senator Chambers said Senator Withem is a fool. Now, if we say, Senator Chambers comma said Senator Withem comma is a fool, then Senator Withem called Senator