

at the language and see no difficulties with it. I would like to point out at this time the difference between AM4402, which is now before us, and the previously withdrawn amendment 1856. The first, and they are all contained in the amendment. It is on your desk. Page 3 of the amendment in line 10, we had previously indicated that the company may request verification or substantiation of the amount claimed. We are now adding, I believe at Senator Beutler's suggestion, language that would say, such verification or substantiation shall be confidential and used only for the determination of the claim filed by the employee. Second change then is contained in line 13, a company shall notify employees, we add the language, individually in writing at the time the company reports the wage benefit credit to the employee of the right to claim a refund under this subsection by April 1 of each year. That mirrors a report that needs to go to the employee anyway in other sections of the bill, and this does make it clear that this can't be simply a paragraph in a company bulletin, an item on the bulletin board. The third change that we make was at Senator Chambers' suggestion. Prior to his suggestion, the amendment had said the claim for the refund from the company shall be made by September 1 of the year when the employee filed his or her tax return. At Senator Chambers' suggestion, we are adding the language, or fifteen days after the employee files for such a return, whichever is later. That would constitute my opening on the amendment. I would urge you to support it.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Withem. Discussion on the Withem amendment. Senator Maurstad. I don't see... is Senator Maurstad there? No. There are no further lights. Senator Withem. He waives closing. The question is the adoption of the Withem amendment to LB 1368. All in favor vote aye, opposed no. Record, please.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays, Madam President, on the adoption of Senator Withem's amendment.

SENATOR CROSBY: The amendment is adopted. I...

CLERK: Senator...

SENATOR CROSBY: Excuse me, Mr. Clerk, go ahead.

CLERK: No.