

TRANSCRIPT PREPARED BY THE CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE
Transcriber's Office

February 18, 1999 LB 331

adjustments in the bill. For today, 331 should move and, should we have a controversy on the floor, I'll be happy to defend each and every of the provisions 'cause I'm very comfortable with the direction of the bill. Thank you.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes, Mr. Speaker, members, may I ask Senator Landis a question?

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Landis, would you respond?

SENATOR LANDIS: Yes.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yeah, Senator Landis, I notice there's no fiscal note on this. Is there not enough extra workload or anything in that that you feel that a fiscal note is unnecessary? Is that...

SENATOR LANDIS: Yeah, the court...

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: ...accurate from your...?

SENATOR LANDIS: ...has not identified that. Remember that the court is now Cash Funded through the workers' comp program and that they have some resources. They did not identify an extension of these costs, and I'll tell you why. Understand they are administering these cases. The people that would say that there were bad claims practices are the people who are before this court, going through the court, trying to get...and the court's administering these companies and these beneficiaries and these cases, so it's just one more aspect of that continuing relationship which they're already conducting.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: You...well, the point really is you're not anticipating an increased workload of any significance...

SENATOR LANDIS: Not that we know of.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: ...which that's...

SENATOR LANDIS: That's right.