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convince you that his amend...that his amendment that defines "cost", which is in AM3225 that is on your machine, if that's the...if that's the definition of "cost" that you want you can get there by first adopting my amendment and then adopting his amendment. But the problem with what Senator Landis is suggesting to you is if you defeat my amendment and then you also defeat his amendment there's no definition of "cost" in here. Or you are then confronted with offering amendments to his amendment in an attempt to get that tuned up to the extent you want it tuned up or, again, winding up with no definition of "cost" in the bill. So even if you agree with Senator Landis that AM2707 is too narrow, and I obviously don't agree, you ought to adopt it. Because then at the very minimum you have a safe...fail-safe provision. You have a fail-safe provision that you may very, very well need so you have some definition of "cost" because you just might not like Senator Landis' definition. It is fairly broad and, astonishingly but realistically, it includes the cost of payments to third parties to subsidize the cost of providing child care for the children of employees in such third party's facilities. Now that is already provided for in the bill, but he's making sure that that's included. So you get...you get the benefit either in-house or out of house and then, of course, he covers a wide range of items. Now I...I think that Senator Landis was trying to suggest to you that my amendment, AM2707, was drawn too narrowly, and I think that he was not giving it its due in terms of what it would include as costs: labor, that's a...you have to have people that would staff the facility so you get the labor cost; materials; and supplies. You do have things that are used in a child care facility. You have food if you offer meals. Those are all costs that are included in the amendment. And it does provide for equipment. Chairs, desks, all those kinds of things are equipment so you would get to cost those items. The only things I really didn't want to include were the cost of real estate. Senator Landis' amendment seemingly does not include that because it says, but not the acquisition of land or the construction of new...of a new structure, so he doesn't want to include real estate or improvements. So I don't know in what respects the amendment that I'm offering is too narrow because it includes the cost of labor, materials, supplies, food and equipment. Those are the things that you would consume and use up in the course of the managing and operating the child care