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would be to examine the possibility of an amendment on Select File, say, that built in an acknowledgement of the quality and upping the level of acknowledgement in the bill. What I haven't found is what Senator Chambers and Senator Wickersham suggested to me late yesterday, which is I was holding back the successful prospect of LB 914 by tying it to LB 925 and that one was an albatross around the neck of the other. One was the bird of peace and was going to fly safely on to the Governor's desk with about, you know, enough votes that the Governor would back off on a veto and LB 925 would be the raven and it was going to be unsuccessful and going to be this bird of death. So let me tell you where I think I am right now. Senator Wickersham has established that there are some things that need to be done in the bill. He's offered and has adopted a very narrow definition of "costs" that I think is too narrow, but it's on the bill right now. I think there are a couple of other pieces that need to be dealt with. One of them is we need to find a way to capture that this is going to be a genuinely available fringe benefit for employees so that it's not something for the people at the top and not for people at the bottom. I heard that. I'll do something about that. There is some language that Senator Wickersham has offered but I'm uncomfortable with that language at the current time, but I think he's, as Laertes...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR LANDIS: ...says in Act Five of "Hamlet", a touch, I do confess it, a touch. I think he's landed a touch on that score. I think I need a better definition of costs than what we've adopted. In other words, there's work that needs to be done. However, at this point what we need to know is whether LB 925 can get off General File; whether people want me to go to work and try to solve those problems and whether they want me to do something about quality or not. So I'm going to ask the body to advance LB 925. I'm going to work with the Wickersham amendment that was withdrawn. Its language is faulty, but its idea is well oriented towards the equal availability of the fringe benefit to employees. Secondly, I am going to attack and expand, if I can, on Select File, I'll tell you now, the very narrow "cost" definition that Senator Wickersham got adopted. I think it's too...too narrow. One of...