

Committee. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 21, referred to the Government Committee, advanced to General File. There are committee amendments pending by the Government Committee. Senator, you want to take your amendment up now, or do you want to go to the committee amendments first?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: I would...actually the amendment replaces the committee amendments, so I think probably I would like to discuss the amendment to the amendment first.

CLERK: Senator Schimek would move to amend the committee amendments. It's found on page 1575 of the Journal.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, Madam President, members of the body, this bill, I'll tell you just a little bit about it first so that you'll understand what the amendment does. It really is a clean-up bill for the Department of Personnel. And it eliminates some obsolete language and language covered by the collective bargaining agreement, among other things. And the reason that I'm offering this amendment to the committee amendments is that there was some question between the Department of Personnel and the employees group that...about the language that needed or didn't need to be in there. So, what this does is it actually replaces the...the Standing Committee amendments and it relates to two different issues, one is comp time, and one is the 40-hour work week. And, basically, what it says is that if you're employed by the state for a year, on a full-time basis, that you have a right to a 40-hour work week. And the comp time provision says that division heads and department heads do not get comp time, basically. And this language is what the Department of Personnel and the employees union has agreed on that needs to be in this bill. So I would be happy to try to answer any questions on it. If not, I would simply urge its adoption.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Schimek. Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: I may be asking you to repeat what you just said, Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Sure.

SENATOR WARNER: But I'm not...it's not real clear to me. I