that of physician choice, of simply the bill as currently structured and as it would exist under the Landis amendment is a radical departure from the situation that now exists in which an injured employee is allowed to choose a physician to diagnose the extent of his or her injuries. And I think that some of the proposals that have come forth from those of us are having some problems with this legislation would restore at least a degree of physician choice and I think that may be an area that we can finally, I would hope, agree on and structure an amendment that would be suitable that would address the concerns of all involved. That's where we are right now. As Senator Landis said, we're not currently at the point where those discussions have reached a fruition. I would hope that that can come soon. Until then, I would hope that some of the amendments that are being offered that I think are very reasonable, such as this one, would be greeted with favor by the body. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Will. Senator Pirsch, followed by Senators Withem, Horgan, Abboud and Hartnett. Senator Pirsch.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Thank you, Madam President and members of the body. I guess, in all of the conversation and rhetoric and discussion on this particular amendment, I guess I would like to keep us focused on the amendment by Senator Lindsay and I wanted to point out that very specifically this is covered in the Landis amendment. We are not letting the safety committees go without some kind of direction, but we have, indeed, not micromanaged this, as Senator Landis pointed out. On page 1284 where the Landis amendment clearly states in Section 13 and this is (2)(a), for employers subject to collective bargaining agreements, the establishment of a safety committee shall be accomplished through the collective bargaining process. This is not unusual. We can't put every provision into law and, indeed, collective bargaining should be the place where the employees and the employer do make those provisions for a safety committee. But what about those not subject to collective bargaining? (b) covers that, for employees not subject to collective bargaining agreements, the safety committee shall be composed of an equal number of members representing employees and the employer. We do give some direction there. Employee members shall not be selected by the employer, we make that very clear, but shall be selected pursuant to procedures prescribed in the rules and regulations adopted and promulgated by the Commissioner of Labor. In that, we give the Commissioner of