

to close on your amendment.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members. I should say, for the record, I don't like doing what we're doing and I think it's pretty clear what we're doing. I don't like doing it, but I feel very strongly about this issue and I think several are. There are some things that we're trying to discuss and sometimes Senator Pirsch talked about getting back onto the issue at hand. The problem is, we do stray from what the issue at hand might be and that is simply because by the time we get to those issues this bill is gone. This...we found there is very, very few things that the lobby anyway is willing to accept in a way of amendments to this bill. I think it's getting to the point where there is three or four major issues and that's about it, but if we get to what this amendment particularly does and part of what this task force did was to get together and try to get a balanced proposal. Part of that balance was labor gets safety committees. My point is, so what? I mean, they get safety committees that, by god, if the employer doesn't establish these, the employer is subject to \$1,000 a day fine. Boy, it would sure get me to put together a safety committee. As a matter of fact, there is nothing in here, in the bill, just come to think of it, I don't think there's anything in here that says an employer can't prohibit the safety committee from meeting. I'm not sure that's even in there. We've got together safety committees that can't enforce anything they do, cannot be required or the employer cannot be required to implement or, for that matter, even read any recommendation that comes from the safety committee. The safety committees are not even required to meet and I don't think there is anything in this bill that you can even ostensibly say does require them to meet. There is not room, from the best I can tell, maybe there is, I'm not sure there is rule making authority in here for how the safety committees work. Senator Landis has indicated that these are the types of things that if we were at Select File that we could talk about these things. And it certainly, on most bills and on 800 of the 800 and however many bills that we're going to consider this year, that's a legitimate position. This bill won't be on Select File long enough to talk about any of these things. Had these amendments not been put up to the Landis amendment, this bill wouldn't have been on General File long enough to talk about any of these things. And I hate to say that, but that's...we know sometimes that that's just the way these things work. The amendment simply says if we're going to have the safety committees, let's make them meet. The next