

amendment would deal with the entire issue of why safety committees, so we can talk about what their function is and, hopefully, get into a discourse on that. This particular amendment I don't think is unreasonable. If we're going to have them, let's meet. You add something, we can talk about it at Select File, but I doubt we're going to be talking much about anything at Select File because I just don't...I simply don't think the bill will be there that long. I would simply urge the adoption of the amendment.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Lindsay. You've heard the closing on the amendment by Senator Lindsay. We will now vote on the amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 6 ayes, 24 nays, Mr. President, on the amendment.

SPEAKER BAACK: The amendment fails. I will raise the call but I would like to urge my colleagues to stay close to the Chamber so we can continue to conduct business, please.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Lindsay would move to amend Senator Landis's amendment. (Lindsay amendment appears on page 1686 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Lindsay.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Thank you, Mr. President. What this amendment would...or, Mr. Speaker, members, what this amendment would do is to eliminate the safety committees from the bill. This, again, I assume is one of the major concessions to labor so the intent of the bill is to talk about, and we are getting into...this is a major, apparently, a major issue in the bill. The issue is, do we have safety committees or do we not have them? With that in mind, I would like to try to find out from Senator Landis the purpose of the safety committees, why are we having them, where was the genesis, those sorts of things, so, with that, if I could Senator Landis to respond to...

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Landis, would you respond, please.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Senator Landis, could you tell me, explain to me what the genesis of the safety committees concept was, where it came from, what they were intended...I mean...