

Select File with E & Rs, likewise with LB 348, LB 110, LB 739, LB 220, those all reported to Select File. (See pages 1687-89 of the Legislative Journal.)

Mr. President, the next amendment I have to the Landis amendment is by Senator Abboud. (Abboud amendment appears on page 1689 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Abboud.

SENATOR ABOUD: Yes, Mr. Speaker, members, this is the first amendment that I have offered to the amendment that has been debated. As you may recall, we began the debate on LB 757, I offered an amendment to the committee amendments, one amendment which I felt was a fair and reasonable amendment that should be discussed. There was a challenge to germaneness. I chose not to challenge that ruling of the Chair and we did not get an opportunity to debate which I thought was a very crucial issue dealing with managed care. This amendment, which I, the first one I might add, that I've brought up to the body deals with the safety council and it really goes to the basic concept of the safety council and whether or not we should have one. I've handed out the amendment on the floor. It states basically that failure by the employer to adopt and implement recommendations of the safety committee involving serious or imminent hazards shall constitute noncompliance with this section. The importance of this particular proposal is that if a person or company chooses not to follow the safety committee at this time, there really are no penalties. It would be nice if they'd do it, we say it would be a great idea, we've talked about some of the amendments if they choose not to follow the advice of those safety committees. If they do follow the advice of the safety committees, their workers' comp premiums will probably drop. If they choose not to follow them then there really is no other recourse. What this states is that if they choose not to follow the safety commissions, safety committees' recommendation, then they are no longer protected by the worker compensation system. Now you may recall when debate started where you had a number of, a couple of people, myself and I believe Senator Landis talked about the history of workers' compensation and the workers' compensation system was established for really to benefit, oh, I'm not sure who it benefited, to be quite frank with you, because it may have benefited the employees because they received a faster treatment and it also benefited the employers because they no longer were liable personally or their