

go the other way then. The Abboud amendment would say that there are going to be ramifications if a safety committee does its job correctly and the employer does not respond to discoveries that the safety committee makes about the nature of the workplace with respect to the dangers and hazards that may be posed to employees of whatever business it is that we're talking about. So I think that, given the fact that the body has decided that it does indeed like the idea of safety committees, the thing to do now is to make sure the bill is fashioned in such a way that the safety committees are real functioning entities that make decisions that have an impact on the way that a business operates on the conditions under which the employees work and that it certainly can make recommendations that have to be dealt with seriously. Otherwise, the safety committee will exist simply as a paper tiger, as something that is there that is good for public relations purposes that perhaps gives individuals the feeling that they are involved with decisions about the workplace, but without any real teeth to make sure that the employer has to listen to the recommendations of the safety committee. With that, I would urge your support for the Abboud amendment.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Will. Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: Call the question.

SPEAKER BAACK: The question has been called. Do I see five hands? Senator Abboud.

SENATOR ABBLOUD: There has been not sufficient debate on this particular amendment, and there has been no opposition to this particular amendment. We've had two, three, we've had one neutral, we had two that were in support of the bill and I don't feel it's had a fair debate on this floor.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: Mr. Speaker, this topic has been up repeatedly, the amendment, in only a very slightly different form. Senator Abboud had ten minutes to open, he'll have five minutes to close. There have been two intervening speakers and simply because I'm an opponent and don't choose to speak, I don't think I have to be dragged into the fight before we've had adequate debate. This issue has been up repeatedly. It's had a fair day in court, Mr. Speaker, and I'd suggest that the fairness would