

thing as a judge as the bill is currently written. That IME will be acting as a judge. That IME will be appointed by a judge. In this case, the way I envision it, and I can stand corrected on this, but the way I envision the language of the IME, it will be chosen by the Workers' Comp Court and most probably by the workers' compensation administrator. So, as a result, we're going to be faced with one judge making a determination as to who the IME should be, and, as a result of that, there's some concern. We may have a great judge. Some members don't care too much for our current presiding officer, presiding judge, but there's a number of judges there and you may get difference of opinion. There may be a belief that...

SENATOR CROSBY PRESIDING

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR ABOUD: ...this particular judge is doing a great job but what happens when he's no longer on the bench. We may get a presiding officer or a presiding judge that may not do the job. Senator Will has a unique approach in saying, okay, we accept the fact that these IMEs are going to be quasi judges. Let's pick them as impartially as possible. We are, in effect, having binding arbitration with this, we're have binding arbitration, and when we get involved in binding arbitration or even nonbinding arbitration, you try to bring the two parties together, they decide who they should pick as that neutral person to decide the case. Senator Will takes an approach of saying, let's take a person from the medical profession, someone knowledgeable, someone that would understand, a truly competent physician, and then they take it from the two opposing sides, the labor as well as the business community. I think it's an approach that is good and it deals with what we're trying to deal here...

SENATOR CROSBY: time.

SENATOR ABOUD: ...we're trying to deal with here, binding arbitration. I support the amendment.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Abboud. Senator Chambers, on the Will amendment.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President and members of the Legislature, is Senator Landis nearby? I wanted to see what his