

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Hall. Senator Hillman.

SENATOR HILLMAN: Mr. Speaker, members, just very quickly, I was looking through the statutes, Senator Hall, that you were and I know listed in the statutes that children who caddy golf are exempt from the provisions. Maybe we ought to look at golf caddies and...

SENATOR HALL: I'd be happy to support that amendment.

SENATOR HILLMAN: I...the...I think the idea that you brought here in looking may, again, as Senator Landis said, has some merit, but I think it needs to be done at a different time and when we've had a little more time to look at it and probably my main concern is how it will impact the youth work force that we have delivering newspapers. Our youth today in many cases are, especially those that perhaps could be under 16, truly are looking for some employment, trying to find some area where I believe that they are looking for things that gather self-worth, that they can accomplish. I use examples of when my own children were growing up that years ago you had children because they were an asset because they farmed and so forth. Now they're a financial liability and we pass some of that on to children and for them to be able to find a role for themselves, to find a job, to have some accomplishments I think is good. I don't know about you, Senator Hall, but I watch! my son for many years do this and, to be really honest, I was relieved when he quit because I felt like it was a lot of responsibility and going to school all day and getting up early every morning, including weekends. It demanded a lot, but he tells me now that every one of his children is going to be a paper carrier if he has his way because of the things it taught him with self-discipline plus he managed to purchase a huge model train set that sat up in my basement for years and so it enabled him to buy some of the things that he wanted, had him set some priorities as to how he wanted to spend money and many other lessons. So for no other reason, Senator Hall, I would urge you to withdraw the amendment to see how it could impact the youth work force that we could spend a little more time in looking how that might shift, because any time we do these things, as you well know, there is a shift, there is an impact and I don't think we've had the time to really realize what that would be, how it would affect the work force and if there are any other ways or something else that we might do and, for that reason, until we would know the answers to some of those questions,