

The bill was first read on January 8. It was referred to the Business and Labor Committee. The body considered the Committee amendments on February 14. The Committee amendments were not adopted. The bill failed to advance on February 15. Senator Landis offered a motion to indefinitely postpone, which was defeated. I now have a motion by Senator Wesely to recommit LB 108 to the Business and Labor Committee.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Did you read the motion? The Chair recognizes Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, I'm going to speak to my motion. I don't know what private discussions have been held on this bill. I haven't been privy to them, but I made the motion to recommit to Committee because I thought that it was important that we reconsider this bill, not necessarily kill it, but I think look for alternatives to the proposals that are included in this legislation. When LB 108 was considered last week, I supported the motion to advance to Select File. On looking more carefully at the legislation, I can see that there is some problems with it. I think that there are some ways that we can improve it. But I think the way in which that we need to discuss...to look at this bill is through the Committee process. So I'm proposing this motion, and I would hope that you would seriously consider it. My point is that as a supporter of the bill, and not necessarily in its full form... I supported the amendment that was originally proposed by the Committee, but as a generally supporter of the bill last time it was considered, I felt as though it was the answer to the problems that we had in the state colleges and the community colleges, and it was definitely a problem for the University system. Well, now this proposal is an all or nothing one. It's either the bargaining unit is systemwide or it's not. There is no bargaining unit. I think that there is a middle ground that we have to discuss. I think that can be done in Committee, and I think that the proposal that I have on Page 577, which is a proposed amendment to LB 108, should be considered. It should be considered in Committee, and I think it walks that middle ground and can be a potential solution, a positive solution to some of the problems we're talking about. So I'm going to end my comments there, and I know that there are some who have been more on the inside on this issue who can speak to the motion. Thank you very much.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Is there any further discussion on the motion to recommit? Ready for the vote. Okay, the motion is to recommit LB 108 back to Committee. All those in favor vote aye, opposed no. It takes 25 votes. Have you all voted?