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SPEAKER MARVEL: The Chair recognizes Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you. Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, because of a bill drafting error and the way that an amendment was written previously, some language that was meant to be struck was not struck and appears in your final copy language. If you will take a look on 388...or rather 838 of the Journal, you will see that I am striking language that appears in previous forms of the bill. What remains is the one sentence that says, the Department of Labor Commissioner will administer the Appeals Tribunal and that appears I think on page 4 of the bill as you look at it. The policy remains absolutely unchanged. It is just that we say it two different ways, and I am striking the first way and this is by agreement with all parties. Secondly, the Bar Association indicated that the change that Vard and I made concerning an individual being represented before the Tribunal by somebody other than a lawyer was satisfactory with them so long as it applied only to the Appeals Tribunal. The way that we amended it, however, tacked onto an appearance before a court, and, of course, we had some difficulties there with the unauthorized practice of law, and in that case we needed to clarify our intention. The intention was that we had a statute that clearly outlined an individual, a claimant's or a business's right to be represented by somebody other than an attorney in the Appeals Tribunal. Unfortunately, we tacked it onto the wrong sentence. We solved that with this amendment. The two charges are housekeeping. One, they bring the Final Reading copy into the conformance as to what I told you we wanted to do, and, two, it applies where we asked you to agree to only to the Appeals Tribunal situation and not because of the grammatical connection to a court. I would move the adoption of the amendment and then we can read this bill on another day.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is to return the bill to Select File for a specific amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Record the vote.

CLERK: 41 ayes, 1 nay on the motion to return the bill.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is carried. We are now ready for adopting the amendment. All those in favor of adopting the amendment vote aye, opposed vote no. Have you all voted? Okay, record the vote.

CLERK: 42 ayes, 0 nays on the adoption of Senator Landis's amendment.