

everything go over, just let the bill be voted on. I think Senator Landis wants to say something, and he should. Whenever he gives the signal, that is when I'll withdraw my motion and let...just vote on the bill. The bill is called the whistle-blower bill. It is funny how we can take bills in here and we give the right name or title to them, and immediately that alone can garner support or create impressions. For example, the family farm, Initiative 300, it may or may not have anything ultimately. My point is whistle-blower immediately evokes, in your mind, there is some son of a gun out there, some boss cheating, stealing, lying and fraudulent and we are going to get him, and this is the way we are going to allow that guy, that noble little guy, to blow the whistle on him. That is the theory. That is the idea it evokes in your mind. So I'd ask you to read the bill because it should not be called the whistle-blower bill. It should be called the second guesser bill because it puts all bosses, all supervisors, at the state level, in the position of being second-guessed on every single thing they do. Read the bill. It isn't just fraud, it is what any employee thinks may be a violation of a law, what any employee thinks may be mismanagement, or waste, or not the best way to do things. That is what it is. It is a second-guesser bill. Now try to imagine you ran your business that way where your employees, your employees could "second guess" you with power to get you in trouble, or at least force you to justify everything you are doing in hearings, with lawyers and the whole works. That is what the bill does. It gives incredible leverage over...with employees over their bosses. I think it destroys the system of bosses and supervisors and employees and creates another system, which they have in some other countries, and that is we're all one kind of little social unit watching over each other and reporting to the secret big brother somewhere if we don't like what is going on. So I'm going to vote against the bill. The bill is in its strongest form because the Beutler amendment was not adopted. The bill is in the form where the boss has to justify and explain everything he has done when any employee files anything or starts some action going. I am just not sure that is a system you want to move to. If it is so good maybe we should impose it across the board for legislative employees. Imagine, is there anybody here that hasn't had a legislative employee, of your own, that maybe disagreed with you or thought you were wrong on something, or thought maybe there was a better way to do things? If it's so good, apply it to them. You