

CLERK: Okay. Do you want to offer the second amendment, Senator? Okay. I have nothing on the bill, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Okay, Senator Chambers, are you in the Chamber? Senator Lamb, on the bill.

SENATOR LAMB: Mr. President and members, I would just like to ask Senator Landis a question or two. I appreciate the amount of work that has gone into this bill and of course it came before Public Works Committee, but I wonder if you would refresh my memory as to the reason that a number of people opposed it. I see on the committee statement there are about five people that opposed the bill, and then I remember receiving a number of letters from quite a few people that also opposed the bill, and I wonder if Senator Landis could explain that opposition a bit.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Senator Landis, would you respond, please?

SENATOR LANDIS: I'll give it my best good faith effort. This bill moves a program from the Department of Education to the Department of Motor Vehicles. I think the nub of difficulty has occurred in that when you have a way of doing business and have built up a relationship with people, that something that changes that is threatening. I was in the room and heard the same testimony you did and I think, if you'll recall, it seemed to fasten most on that change as to whether or not it made sense and in essence they were arguing that the program should stay in the Department of Education. As I read the letters that are in opposition to the bill, I find that that's one thing that occurs through most of the discussion. So I think that is the nub of contention with respect to most of the opposition of the bill.

SENATOR LAMB: Well, thank you, Senator Landis. Then I assume from that that really the opposition is not substantial in regard to really the provisions of the bill as they are presented, but it is mostly because it's a change and some people, not including myself of course, resist change. Thank you very much.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Senator Marsh, please. Senator Marsh. Senator Marsh, would you like to speak on the bill, please?