

soon. That is why we have the Emergency Clause on the bill. Lets see if it doesn't accomplish some good and if it is proper to change it, if there are any hang ups, gosh we come back every year, even though some people wish we wouldn't, and if there are really some problems we can change it. So I respectfully decline to take it up at this time to make any changes.

PRESIDENT: Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I understand where Senator Chambers is coming from and normally I would immediately say, I was in favor if it would help the consumer more. The concern I have, and I think, Senator Chambers, I would like to have you address it in your closing, I was listening to one of my favorite news announcers, Paul Harvey, the other day and Paul was talking about how many lawyers there were in our country and he said something like 400,000 lawyers in our country and Japan has 12,000 and they have half our population but don't have the need for lawyers that we do. What he was saying was that in that country they mediate disputes. They sit down and try to work out the differences before they go to court and only at a last resort would they go to court and thus need attorneys and go through all that procedure. This looks to me like more in line with that philosophy and one that would avoid court cases and thus try and work things out between parties before we spend the time and go into court and thus it makes some sense to me as to protecting both the consumer and the producer in this case. So I guess I am inclined to say why shouldn't we try it this way, and if it is in fact a harmful situation for the consumer they can still go to court at a later date. When you talked about the Attorney General's opinion, I read through that opinion and I didn't quite understand what he was trying to say either, so if this is part of that Attorney General's opinion and deals with some concerns in there I'd sure like that identified. I guess I couldn't make heads or tails out of what he was trying to suggest what we should do. But again, I get back to the point that mediation versus court action makes a lot of sense and we ought to do more of that than less of it and if you could address that question in your closing it would help me make a decision.

PRESIDENT: Senator Goll.

SENATOR GOLL: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I, too, rise in opposition to Senator Chambers amendment which