

I can not think of how I could have been any more cooperative and generous in the handling of this bill. The amendment has just been presented, it hasn't been printed in the Journal, it makes a major structural change in the legislation. But above and beyond that I think you are forgetting the entire purpose of the legislation, whether Senator Chambers accepts or believes that purpose or not. That purpose is to give a completely new consumer right in a particular situation that we have talked about in folklore and common talk, but which no remedy has existed for, no true remedy. That particular problem is a lemon. The remedy is a complete system in addition to everything else that may exist. A complete system of remedy for the consumer. So Senator Chambers, that is what the consumer is getting out of this deal, a complete system and guarantee that if he ever finally has to even go to court he even gets his attorney fees paid for. Now what is the one thing you are giving the manufacturer? One of the basic things is the manufacturer is able to say, hey, lets take it and arbitrate before you sue us and see if we can't settle it that way. So it is binding upon you, the consumer, when you are trying to get your remedy, that you give the manufacturer that one right. The right to try to settle it with a complete system that they have used other places before they get sued. Now why not have it so the consumer can force this bargaining situation? Very simply. You have a very limited number of manufacturers and a very large number of consumers. The consumer is given the entire remedy. This is just one of the procedures he has to go through to get it, if, you made it mandatory upon the manufacturer. There is a fear, and I think it is a reasonable fear, that the consumer would immediately, some of them for harassment purposes, say, okay, I demand arbitration. I demand arbitration. I urge you to reject the amendment. I think it will significantly damage the bill. I would repeat one more final time for those of you, particularly Senator Chambers, who keeps saying, well you are not helping the consumer. The consumer has no right such as this in existence now. We are giving him something completely new. It is a pretty well defined one and it has worked in other states. At least give the legislation a try in the manner and form it has worked in the other states and is being utilized in other states rather than go off on a tangent. And, my final comment would be, I thought Senator Chambers said that after the last amendment, that was his last amendment, and he wasn't going to offer any more. Oh, if it was adopted, I see. Okay.

PRESIDENT: Is there further discussion on the motion? Senator Goll.