

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator DeCamp, then Senator Morehead.

SENATOR DECAMP: Well, Mr. President, I tend to agree at least with Senator Chambers on the standpoint of, you know, an issue should be decided one way or the other, whether that is the Morehead amendment, whether that is to advance it, whether that is a vote to advance it fails, a vote to send it back to committee, which is the appropriate forum for further action where it would be next year probably or even come out this year. But I don't think just bracketing it gets us in any direction other than the additional confusion. So I am not going to vote to bracket it and I guess I think maybe it is one of those bills that probably has a bit of a stalemate to it and I would suggest it go back to committee. At least it is alive then and it obviously did not have enough votes to kill and I seriously doubt it has enough votes to advance. If it has merit, and it may well have some merit, listening to both sides I can see there is some merit on both sides. But I would like to correct one thing Senator Chambers and Senator Wesely and some of the others have contended. The bill even with the sentence stricken that we are talking about is a major change in Nebraska law. And to say it is not is to simply not be honest, in my opinion. Nebraska has a standard. Let me read that standard to you. "The authority to responsibly direct others." Okay, it has got a standard, it has got court cases behind it. What the supporters of this bill have been pressing for years to get is a different standard. The standard they have been pressing to get is the NLRB definition. That is what they have been pressing to get, a different standard than exists in Nebraska law now. And you can argue, well, really that is the way the court has been interpreting it. All I am telling you is that is a different standard. It is the standard they requested. It is the standard they could now get, they could now get on this floor from the people who previously opposed that very thing and yet they want something more, something different, and it is that something different or more than they ever were asking before or at least making apparent they were asking for that is in controversy. And since it has come up apparently for the first time this additional sentence really makes that big a difference, maybe it is something that should go back to committee but it shouldn't just be bracketed. I think we should get a resolution one way or the other.