

year's Legislature, was that each and every piece of major legislation we took on very seriously, we took on very intelligently, we worked at it until we understood it and we dealt with it. We took them head-on, every one, and I think you're being fair with this one. I think you're taking it head-on, but I think what has happened is that the whole debate has been punctuated by misinformation, by confusion, by the problem that each and every one of us does not yet have a full understanding of this. And yet, I think I've gotten through to you, clearly, that there are a lot of tremendous advantages with this bill in terms of faster justice, better justice, in terms of commercial contracts, more confidentiality. It can be a cheaper system for the public and the taxpayer. It's a way of addressing some of our judicial system problems that is of great benefit to us. I hope that that side of the argument is very clear to you. Another thing that should be clear to you is the political side. This bill is sitting here, maybe, with 25 votes, if you're generous. It is sitting here close enough that, if on Select File you want to kill it, one or two of you are going to have the power to kill it. It is as simple as that. Believing those two things to be true, I'm going to plead with you to advance it to Select File. Make the School Board Association come in here and tell you why this is bad for the whole state, why it's bad for commercial contractors, why it is bad for the average citizens out there who would like to come in and arbitrate instead of going through a ridiculous court system and they have to wait six months or when they have to get a judge they don't trust, they think is no good. Let's hear through all the arguments rather than kill this at this stage of debate. I don't think you will kill it when you get a little more time. I think it's going to get stronger with time. The better you understand it, the better you are going to like it. I would move the advancement of the bill.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Thank you. You've heard the closing on the advancement of the bill. All those in favor vote aye, all those opposed vote nay. Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: I think I would just ask for a roll call vote and let it go at that.

SPEAKER NICHOL: All right.

CLERK: (Roll call vote taken as found on page 328 of the