

General's decision, they actually quote federal law. It says that the Federal Labor Management Relations Act allows a union to bargain for and receive a checkoff of union dues which may be irrevocable for as long as one year. Okay? The federal law allows it. I see no reason, or nothing in the state statute that would disallow such a provision. That's what the union negotiated for in their contract, to put a one-year irrevocability clause in so that they just had to deal with it once a year and the process of, the administrative process, of dealing with these comings and goings every week or month did not become necessary. So that's what they did and I think that that's what everybody should be obliged to follow when they become a union member. Now the part I don't understand about this still and I wish somebody would explain, as I understand it there was a purported resignation in January of '91. In July of '91, the resignation could have been resubmitted and that would have ended it. The claim would have been a hundred and some dollars. That was not done. As I understand it, from a period of time starting in '91 through '92 or '93, this same person was a union steward acting on behalf of the union. So I guess my question is to those who think this claim is a good idea, how is it that you can be asking to get your union dues back for a period of time when you are acting as a union steward? This is not a labor issue or a freedom to leave the labor organization issue. This is an issue where there's noncompliance with reasonable...what I think everyone would agree are reasonable provisions. And how a person can turn around and act for a steward for the union and then turn around and say, I want my union dues back, I just don't get it, and I'm trying to get it. I wish somebody would explain how that is even possible. It seems to me that maybe this belongs in the courts if there's some disagreement with the way the law is, but I see nothing wrong with the way the law is in the first instance. And Senator Preister had an additional good point to make and I would yield the remainder of my time to Senator Preister to make that point.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Two minutes, Senator Preister.

SENATOR PREISTER: Thank you, Honorable President, friends all. Thank you, Senator Beutler. I would ask particularly that Senator White, might listen as I make my comment because, on one hand, I see this as an issue between Ms. Hansen and the labor union and I believe it's best handled there rather than coming