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it myself, trying to look into Senator Chambers' mind and see and anticipate specifically what he was trying to get at. That, as you can imagine, is a very hard thing for me to do. I would have preferred that Senator Chambers indicated himself what he had intended but again I am trying to work with his original intention and the original amendment and am proposing language which I hope does the same thing that he intended. The letter from the Bar Association by the way is also on your desk if you would like to read that. I distributed copies of that and it is on your desk. Also on your desk is an Attorney General's opinion which basically finds that the bill is constitutional but again suggests that the Chambers' amendment is uncertain in effect. So I think you can see that I am forced to deal with the Chambers' amendment because I have all the best opinion of the Bar Association to work in this area and the opinion of the Attorney General. Basically the amendment has made the bill vague in effect. So this is what it is all about and I would ask you to move it back to Select File for purposes of attaching these amendments. Thank you.

SENATOR LEWIS: Senator Marsh on Senator Beutler's amendment to return to Select File for a specific amendment.

SENATOR MARSH: Senator Lewis, I rise to read and emphasize for the legislative body the last paragraph in Larry Ruth's letter to Senator Beutler as, "As I have stated to you before, the Nebraska State Bar Association does not take a position on the merits of the bill."

SENATOR LEWIS: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman, after having been chastized by Senator Landis I think I had better ask Senator Beutler a question to see if I correctly understood him.

SENATOR LEWIS: Senator Beutler, do you yield?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Beutler, how long did you say the Bar Association had been working with Section 2 or had Section 2 before them for a consideration?

SENATOR BEUTLER: They had it in consideration when the bill was originally introduced.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And how long would that have been, about?

SENATOR BEUTLER: A year, more than a year.