

the point is now. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Any further discussion on the Beutler amendment? Senator Hoagland.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Mr. Speaker and colleagues, I would like to rise in support of this particular amendment by Senator Beutler. Now let me make a couple of brief introductory comments. I think when we get into taking a look at bills that have been through the sunset review process and agencies that have been through the sunset review process we have to reflect on some of the developments we are seeing in government, both at a federal level and a state level and I think there are two particularly disconcerting developments over the last ten to fifteen years that the sunset review process is designed to deal with. Now one of those developments, perhaps the most alarming, is excessive governmental regulation and we read about it at every level of government and we have large businessmen and small businessmen all around the country who continually complain of the choking, expensive effect of excess regulation by government at every level and one of the fundamental purposes of the sunset review process is to weed out excessive governmental regulation. Now another major development in the country over the last ten and fifteen years which I know all of us need to be concerned about and need to be alarmed about is the increase in special interest influence. Now I know you all have heard me give speeches before where I indicate that from 1972 to 1976 the number of PACS, political action committees in Nebraska increased more than threefold and in the 1978 elections political action committees gave over \$70,000 in races only for the Nebraska Legislature to affect public policy and I know you have heard me say before that we are threatening the existence of a special interest state where we have so many different special interest groups coming down, working their will on the Legislature through expensive lobbying techniques that no longer are we going to have a true representative democracy but instead we are going to have a special interest state where every major special interest gets its way in a fashion that prevents really wholistic solutions to the major problems we have at a federal and a state level. Now what is particularly disconcerting about commissions like the Motor Vehicle Licensing Board is we see those two insidious trends coming together. We see excessive governmental regulation being linked together with selfish special interest influence and we see special interest groups coming in, taking hold of the very instrumentalities of government and exercising their