

even though we may philosophically disagree up to the last minute on any number of things. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Lewis.

SENATOR LEWIS: Mr. President, I enjoyed those remarks. I offered the amendment so I guess I ought to defend it. I can't do it in a legal sense because everybody knows that I am not a lawyer. But, I think that it is an interesting point that Senator Beutler raises. I'd like to look at all of the amendments offered in the last two legislative days. I think there was one to, I'm not going to steal your thunder, Senator Newell, you can refer to that one, but there is at least five, six, seven, eight amendments offered. Some by members that have spoken previously on this issue which delimits it. I introduced the amendment on behalf of the City of Lincoln. I'm not overwhelmingly in love with the bill anyway, it is something the commission needs, but since Senator Beutler raised the issue of taking more time, in the middle of the session I took a look at legislative time spent. I asked for a compilation of that again. You are going to find that five members of this body have offered almost a hundred amendments this year on bills. That is why we are out of time. LB 306, an interesting bill took more time than the entire debate on the budget. LB 905 another major classic, which involved \$300,000 in an IRA account took more time than the biggest budget bill that we passed. It really enthrills me at this point in time that those who have taken most of the time are talking about quality legislation and how we ought to study it. I invite the members to look at the record. I invite the members to look at the time spent by various individuals on this floor, and the record will be obvious. The record will be clear. I am not interested in making this a major issue and I apologize for taking time to talk about it. I was asked by the City of Lincoln to introduce the amendment on a bill that I originally opposed anyway because of the fees. Quite frankly, I don't care if you bring it back and strike the whole thing, which is exactly what you want to do, if it lives or dies. But I do, I do resent people trying to appear as Pilate and washing their hands of delays in wasting of time on this floor and everybody here knows where it came from. That is clear. That is precise. That is exact. Now, if Senator Beutler wants to bring it back, I may even help support do that.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Newell.

SENATOR NEWELL: Mr. President, I rise to oppose the Beutler motion and support my good friend who just criticized me greatly, Senator Lewis, but I really want to remark about