

they wanted on the bill, and then to my knowledge, there is absolutely no further controversy on the bill. So if we could bring it back, I would explain it at that time the amendments to you and we can proceed.

SPEAKER MARVEL: All those in favor of bringing the bill back vote aye, opposed vote no. Record the vote.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays on the motion to return, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Motion is carried. The bill is returned. Senator Beutler, do you wish to explain the amendment?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Yes, if I could just explain quickly, Mr. Speaker. The bill, just to refresh your memory, has to do with asbestos and lawsuits brought pursuant to injuries caused by asbestos and it basically gives additional rights to people to pursue their lawsuits. The last time we discussed this, Senator Vickers brought up the question of whether we shouldn't have the word "asbestos" in there and relate that word to the specific compounds that are delineated in the bill. We have taken his amendment and put the word "asbestos" in so that it says "asbestos composed of chrysotile, and amosite, and crocidolite," and all these other compounds. So we put that technical amendment in pursuant to Senator Vickers request. Then I think somebody else on the floor, Senator Pirsch maybe, brought up the question of when is the injury discovered and we tried to be a little more specific in that regard and put in the language "injured person has been informed of discovery of the injury by competent medical authority". If a doctor tells you you are injured, that is evidence that you have discovered the fact and, of course, we relate that to the discovery of the cause of exposure or the cause by exposure to asbestos. That is the second technical amendment. The third one put in at the request of commerce and industry limits actions. It would cut off those that are discovered more than two years prior to the effective date of this act. And that was just to cut off some of the cases in a compromise with commerce and industry. So I hope you will accept those as amendments to the bill. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Vickers.

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President, members, I rise to support Senator Beutler in this amendment. As he indicated, I did have some concerns about the chemical language in the bill and I would simply point out to the body for their information that I did have some information provided to me by a geologist here at the University of Nebraska and the information was that with the language as specified in the bill it was more