

and let's go ahead and pass the bill and maybe it will help us a little.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I thought long and hard before I stood up here this morning. As you know, LB 179 is the first bill that I will have spoken to and I wondered whether or not I wanted to start out my legislative career joining forces with the two Senators known for the St. Thomas connection, but after thinking about it and knowing that life is full of tough decisions, I rose anyway. I think LB 179 is going to do a lot of good things. I know that in my district it has been torn in two in the southern end by the Kennedy Freeway. We have lost 12 businesses and 56 homes and what I see this bill doing is hopefully allowing the remainder of those businesses to remain open if at all possible when that construction continues. I think that LB 179, as Senator Johnson stated, does nothing more than protect the interests of those people. I don't see it as a huge expenditure for the state and I would oppose the kill motion. Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Pappas.

SENATOR PAPPAS: Mr. Speaker, colleagues, I, too, rise to oppose the kill motion. Out in North Platte, Nebraska for the last several years, they were involved in building, widening an overpass to four lanes, but due to the oversight or lack of insight of the state, city, and other people, they didn't put a time contract on the contract and many other things, and just because of that, and violations, and lack of responsibility of the contractor, this project instead of taking eight to nine months took a period of almost two years causing a great deal of hardship to businesses on both sides. And if this piece of legislation is enacted, hopefully it can prevent some of these things from happening and make a lot of people, including contractors, city, and state be a little more responsible in how they let out contracts and what the effects totally then and down the road will be. I oppose the kill motion.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Sieck.

SENATOR SIECK: Mr. President and members of the body, I am going to support the kill motion. I think we are putting