

government. Now also in existing law is a one-year period for filing claims against political subdivisions. So what we did is we put the employee case at four years together with a political subdivisions bill at one year and made them both two years which is the period of time in existing law for the federal government and the state government. Now let me just indicate to you in summary in one sentence, if I can, why this bill is a bad idea. What the political subdivisions want to do is they want to tell their own citizens, they want to tell the citizens of their own political subdivision that if you have a legitimate claim against us, if you have a legitimate lawsuit, we are not going to even give you an opportunity to be heard in court unless you bring your claim within one year. Now the federal government has said that we will give our federal citizens an opportunity to be heard in court if you bring your claim within two years. The State of Nebraska said that we will give our citizens of the State of Nebraska an opportunity to be heard in court if you bring your claim within two years. The political subdivisions want it all. They want it all in one year. And when the Nebraska Supreme Court said in a decision six months ago that as far as the suit against an employee is concerned as four years, they still want it all, they want to bring that four years down to one year. Now that is simply not fair and we considered this issue at length in the Judiciary Committee. In the Judiciary Committee we arrived at the two-year compromise. We killed this bill on a 7 to 0 vote and I would urge you to support the action of the Judiciary Committee on this technical not so important issue but nonetheless an issue which is being debated this morning. One final comment. Neither this bill nor the compromise bill has been designated as a priority bill. So neither will come up this session in any event. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Beutler, please.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, I would like to encourage you not to vote for the motion to bring forth from committee. This is a most unusual motion from my point of view, at least in the six years that I have been in the Legislature I don't remember one where a motion was brought on an issue where the issue was coming to the Legislature anyway. If you were listening to Senator Hoagland's remarks, you know that LB 522 was advanced to the floor of the Legislature. The contents of