

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Mr. Speaker and colleagues, let me just make a brief response to an argument Gary made earlier. Now let me remind you what we did with LB 289 on the floor...or in the committee. We changed it from one year to two years. We amended it into LB 522 and then we reported it out. So LB 289, the contents of LB 289 with the exception of the change from one year to two years will be here on the floor for all of you to debate next session because it is not a priority bill. Now, Senator Hannibal raises the issue of control to the bill when it comes out. Let me indicate, let me make an open offer to Senator Hannibal right now to add his name as a co-sponsor to LB 522 so we can have equal control over the issue when it comes up. I am willing to do that. I am willing to say that me and I assume no one else will object if he wants to co-sponsor LB 522 if controlling and managing the issue is really of concern to him, we would be willing to share that management on a fifty-fifty basis if he wants to put his name on 522 which as amended contains the provisions of 289. So let me emphasize that it is really unnecessary to pull 289 out of committee once again because we are going to have ample opportunity to discuss that very same issue when it comes up next session. I would urge you to vote against this motion to pull it out of committee. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Beutler, please.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, I don't want to repeat the fact that this bill is going to be up before you and the efficiency of hearing them all together again and I really didn't want to get into the substance of the argument on the bill because I don't think this is the appropriate time or place to do that. On the other hand, I want to let you know that this is not a one-sided proposition. Senator Hannibal correctly points out that we happen to be in a category that is liberal in his sense, if being fair to the citizen is a liberal issue, I don't think it is, but we are in the category that tends to be fairer to the citizens, from my point of view, than most of the other states. And I am very proud of the fact, for one, that we are in that category and I think we should go a lot further in that category. And to me the comparison, the proper comparison is not with other states and what they do. The proper comparison is how do we treat private industry? And everything in this state, the way we treat private industry, there is a four-year statute of