

think of my LB 590 are also included in this bill you are talking about and you know I have introduced eight bills into the...that went before the Judiciary Committee. Three were killed. Five have been held. It is almost becoming a bottomless pit over there as far as Schmit bills are concerned and it takes an act of God to bring one out of there. Now I would suggest that several of those bills have merit. I would also suggest that none of those bills will come to this floor under the original number. You and I both know that most of those bills the content will come to this floor under some guise or other where you will be the individual who will handle the work on the floor. Now I have no particular pride of authorship. Most of the members of this body have worked with me on a number of issues many times and I think probably more than anyone else I am pleased to surrender the responsibility for various ideas to other legislators who sometimes have more ability, more interest than I do in those areas. I want to point out that child support bills, which I introduced for many years, when the committee on Judiciary decided to take a deep interest in them, I backed off. I would suggest also that inmate labor and crime victim reparations, when Senator Pirsch took an interest in those bills and handled them with a lot of expertise, I backed off because she did an excellent job. But there are other times when we have an issue which is of deep interest to us and that issue is not going to be discussed on this floor in the same context and with the same degree of enthusiasm that it deserves unless the individual whose name is on the original bill has that bill under their control on this floor. When you piggyback it onto another bill it loses its emphasis, it loses its identity and it decidedly loses its opportunity to be heard in an individual manner. I am not accusing Senator Hoagland of bottling up legislation. I am letting you decide for yourself, what do you think is happening in the Judiciary Committee? Those bills either ought to hit the floor or they ought to, by golly, be determined to be dead, but to compound the issue or to confuse the issue by burying the contents of one bill in another is not fair to the original introducer. It is not fair to the introducer of the bill whose bill is piggybacked and it certainly is not fair to the public.

SPEAKER NICHOL: One minute.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Because the public does not know, does not