

specifically that he had spoken with Senator Vickers for some time and we have an all out war on our hands out there which we've had escalated considerably by this bill and by the handling of it. The good thing that has come out of this is both sides, I think, are at a point now where they are more willing to sit down and negotiate than I have ever seen them before and it isn't necessarily just because of this bill, but it is also because of the lawsuits that are related to the nonresident tuition issue which are frankly beginning to hurt people so much on both sides financially that they know it's in their best interests to do something. And yet I believe the passage of this bill removes a real incentive to continue working hard. I'm sorry this is difficult, gentlemen. I'm sorry that we have to go back and work harder on this. I'm sorry that you weren't good enough and I wasn't good enough to do this and do it right the first time, but let's face it, we weren't. But rather than just kill the bill, which was my first impulse when I reacted rather angrily this morning to the amendments which basically turned around and undid a bunch of the things that had been done so far in an attempt to reach some compromises. Rather than do that I'm saying, let's keep it alive and maintain the incentive to work hard on this and it isn't going to be easy and this isn't the last time we've discussed the subject regardless of which way this bill goes. But I think in terms of what we're trying to do for the public, Tom mentioned oh, I'm trying to have the best of both worlds, I'm trying to have the best of both worlds for my constituents. I don't care whether I win or lose on this issue, but I think to just shove some bill out there that it is just a disastrous way to treat the public and to bring about the kinds of resolutions that we need to make, there are going to be a lot of other issues tied to this bill in terms of taxation and I think we really need to know what we're doing and go at this in a much more systematic fashion and a much more analytical fashion than has been done. I don't believe any of the proponents of this bill have a single member of their district, a single constituent, that is affected by this bill. Mine are divided just about right down the middle. It depends on where you happen to live unfortunately and neither side out there right now is very happy with this bill. So I think the smartest thing to do is to admit that we have more work to do to give both sides an incentive to work, to give neither side an excuse to go out and gloat and say that they won and so with that reasoning I urge you to send this bill back to committee and