

attorney general, we may speak to a supervisor of the boss, we may speak to a legislator. When we do that we are sometimes successful in effecting the results that we desire, and we are sometimes not successful in effecting the results that we desire. But we, as human beings, take full the consequences for whatever it is that we do. If there is retaliation against us, because we made a mistake, or if there is reprisals against us because we were right, but our boss is a crumb, we take it, we accept it, we may leave our employment, who knows. But one of the consequences of being a full human being in any setting is the need to be courageous. One of the things that the whistle-blower bill does, in my view, is that it tends to lessen that consequence. It tends to say we are not going to allow an individual to have to struggle through the full potential consequences of his or her act in coming forward with information. We are going to make it easy. We are going to make it so easy, in fact, that what can happen is that a person can more willingly give misinformation than correct information, because a person can know, in advance, that the consequences are not as dramatic, or as difficult, or as hard for coming forward with the information. My personal opinion is this is one of those areas in the employment context that we have no business intruding ourselves upon because it is a very individual area, it is an area that deals with one's backbone, one's spine, courage, will, and all of the other important aspects of the human condition, that to regulate in the area, in my opinion, erodes some of the nobler virtues. For that reason I do intend to support the motion to return the bill to Select File for a specific amendment, i.e., to strike the enacting clause. I would ask you to do the same.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Okay, that is the closing on the motion. The motion is to return the bill from Final Reading for a specific amendment, that being to strike the enacting clause. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Three are excused. Roll call vote has been called for. Mr. Clerk. Push your green buttons first, to see that everybody is here. Please record your presence. Please record your presence. While we are checking in, may I introduce some guests of Senator Hall. We have 40 eighth graders from Marrs Junior High School in Omaha, accompanied by their teachers. Would all of you folks please stand and be recognized. Thank you. Senator Vickers, would you record your presence please. Senator Loran Schmit. Senator