

states have adopted a measure of this sort one way or another. It is an issue we have to deal with. It is an issue that in Nebraska we need to adopt so that we can begin this much less expensive, much swifter way of resolving disputes. I would like to ask Senator Beutler to complete my time, if I might, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER NICHOL: That would be fine. Senator Beutler, excuse me a moment. (Gavel.) Let's hold it down a little bit, please. Thank you, Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, I am afraid I am going to be a little bit repetitive. As Senator Hoagland has indicated, Senator Abboud, basically, and really there only are two arguments against the bill. One of the arguments that Senator Abboud made was strong and one of them was weak. The weak argument had to do with the fact that he was indicating...trying to indicate to you that this whole matter was something other than a voluntary situation. I want to repeat again and again and again that it is voluntary. You don't have to put into any contract an agreement to arbitrate. You don't have to do it. That is part of what you decide you want in the contract or you don't want in the contract. If you don't...if the school administrators, or whoever are concerned about it, don't want to arbitrate future disputes, then they simply don't put it in the contract. It is completely voluntary. Now, it is true, as you might have guessed, that the court systems in different places and from time to time have taken a very jealous look at arbitration and the whole idea of arbitration because, obviously, it confronts them with a situation where they may be effectively losing some jurisdiction and some power. But with the amendment that we have in the bill right now, with the amendment that you are being asked to approve, we have limited the resolution of future disputes to situations which are arms length transactions and we feel confident that when and if the court is asked to decide the constitutionality of 520, that in light of everything that is going on in this country, in light of all the facts, in light of the opportunity for better, faster, more confidential justice, in light of the relief that it can give to the court systems, reasonable relief and relief that gives citizens even better justice, that all of the factors indicate that this time around when it is brought to them to decide, they will approve 520 in its present form. That