

something else first, try arbitration. Then I think if the arbitration doesn't work out, if you disagree with the arbitrator's response, then you still have the option to take it to court. You can appeal that arbitrator's decision on to the court. It is just an attempt to settle problems a little easier. Unfortunately, we have labor management, we have lawyer, antilawyer, lots of other things coming into confused matters; I don't think we need that. It is something else we can try to settle disputes without having to go to court. I think it is a good concept. I am supportive of it. From what Senator Beutler was indicating what he would like to do, I guess, is move the bill on over to Select File and probably with a little more education try these committee amendments which will narrow the scope of it a little more and I would certainly support that proposal. With that, I think we had ought to move this bill over. It is a good idea and...

SENATOR LABEDZ: Senator Withem, you have ten seconds.

SENATOR WITHEM: I close. How's that?

SENATOR LABEDZ: Thank you. Senator DeCamp, speaking on the indefinite postponement of LB 520. Senator DeCamp. The next one in line, Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, this is a high irony. Senator Lamb chooses to enrich the lawyers of the State of Nebraska and we would munificently want to say, thank you, I suppose, as a profession but as somebody with an obligation to serve the public interest, I also have to say that there are greater costs involved in litigation and those greater costs are borne by the public. They are borne by the public in first maintaining the court system and offering those judicial services to people...for those people who are not public employee groups, and, secondly, it has the added expense of the use of the expensive court system for our public employees when the less costly business of arbitration might well yield us a workable solution. So the first irony is that Senator Lamb's kill motion keeps things as they are, keeps the lawyers making big fees on court cases and I am sure there are many of my colleagues in the profession who wish to send him kudos for their retirement fund. The second irony is that a longstanding supporter of local control says, no local control, we don't permit somebody to agree to