

beyond to the tens and tens of thousands of lawsuits that we have around this nation that don't need to go to court, in the first place, if we can set up a procedure in this state to resolve them otherwise. Don't let this bill be killed. This is one of the finest products of the Judiciary Committee during this two-year legislative period and we have got to work together to save it. If you have problems with some of the restrictions, we can work that out later, but let's not throw out the baby with the bath water. I urge you to vote against this kill motion. Thank you.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Senator Vard Johnson.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, I rise in opposition to the kill motion and I rise to support the advancement of LB 520 to Select File. Senator Hoagland made a point that bears reiteration. Senator Hoagland said, this is a citizen Legislature, each of us by virtue of our professions and our callings bring to this Legislature our unique experiences that when we share our own information we should, in our own way, shed light on what the right thing to do is. And Senator Hoagland spoke as a practicing lawyer and he knows, he knows the time involved in judicial dispute resolution and he knows the enormous cost involved in judicial dispute resolution. Well, I am going to share with you a very similar background. I never get the fancy clients that Peter gets or the really great cases that Peter gets, but I sure get a lot of clients and a lot of cases whose controversies ought not to be in the court system, whose controversies ought to be decided independently of the court system because the court system is slow, the costs of lawyers' fees are high and the court system doesn't necessarily bring to bear on the dispute resolution the best thinking, the best mind, because the judges and the juries are certainly generalists. Arbitrators can be specialists and they can be specialists in the kind of controversy that the litigants happen to have. So I am telling you this morning, from my own personal background and my own experience, that an arbitration system provides a fine and solid result to citizens of the society in which that system is placed. Let me reiterate one other point that Senator Hoagland made. Nebraska would not be in the forefront of states in adopting this measure. Nebraska would not be an experimental state in adopting this measure. Nebraska would simply join the 44 other states who have this type of law on their books, the