

Senator DeCamp ran by you about the Legislature and going off and having to arbitrate legislative matters is entirely a false analogy because it makes an assumption that this bill never did make. Arbitrating is voluntary under this bill, not forcing people to go off and do something. If they don't want to put it into their contract that they want to arbitrate, they don't have to do that. Nothing forces them to do that. What is silly about what is happening today is that it seems to be turning into kind of a labor management kind of disagreement. You should know that in most states both labor and management use and appreciate arbitration provisions. You should know that in this state, in promoting this bill with general contractors, management came in and wanted to press this bill forward and labor didn't mind. It is not a labor management issue. It is good for both sides. Rightly used, it is good for both sides and it will be rightly used because it can only be voluntarily used in this state. Senator DeCamp said, you are creating a whole new court system. Terrific, I say, because we don't pay for that court system. Terrific! What's wrong with a whole new court system? If we can alleviate some of the payments we are making in the court system that we have, I think that is good. It is better than doubling up the current court system that we have to accommodate all these disputes. Which would you prefer, to increase the current court system and pay for them all, or to allow people to arbitrate and let them pay for resolving their own disputes? I don't see that there is really any legitimate argument against the bill except the fact that the Supreme Court hasn't liked this sort of thing and I don't think that is a real argument either. We have got to face modern life. We have got to face modern situations. We have got to be able to expedite things a little bit these days through new systems or we are going to find ourselves getting further and further behind in terms of providing justice to the citizens of the state, whether they are teachers, whether they are contractors, whether they are people contracting with contractors or whoever they may be. I would ask you not to vote for the kill motion, to let the next amendment come up, to vote for the amendment and advance the bill in a compromised form.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL: Question.