

saying is that with regard to collective bargaining agreements and with regard to commercial contracts, just those two types of contracts, you can have in there, in those contracts, provisions for arbitration of future disputes. So we're limiting it not to all future disputes, but just to those two categories. Then, then in addition, and this is different from the amendment which we rejected I guess essentially by one vote before, I added the language, "provided, however, that any provision to arbitrate in a written contract must be entered into voluntarily." So we're putting into the statute itself, into the language of the statute, the word "voluntarily". I understand that with regard to a number of folks in here that was a consideration, that's what you were worried about whether it was entered into voluntarily and although we indicated to you a number of times that that is the fact, we are now putting it into writing and into the amendment so that that is quite clear. So in no situation now, if this amendment is adopted, in no situation could anybody have any kind of enforceable provision that they had entered into involuntarily. They must do it voluntarily and that is the thrust of the amendment, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Hoagland, please, then Senator Lamb.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Mr. Speaker and colleagues, let me urge you to support this amendment if you would, and let me give you sort of mixed reasons of fact in law for supporting this amendment. This amendment will severely restrict the applicability of this bill. So those of you who are against the bill and who would like to see it killed should eagerly accept this amendment because this amendment limits the bill to existing disputes to collective bargaining agreements and to construction contracts. And it brings the scope of the bill way down, much narrower than as introduced and I think those of you who are in favor of killing the bill, the last thing you would want would be the bill to pass without the amendments. Secondly, I would ask you, as a matter of courtesy, to allow Senator Beutler and the others who are proponents of this bill to put it in the condition they would like to see it before advancing it to Select File. I think it is better policy to do that. So I would ask you to vote on the merits of this particular amendment, do you think the bill should be limited or not and if you do, why you should support it and I would ask you to do so. Thank