

are others who believe for some reason that is beyond the logic of the Lincoln senators that this particular amendment, putting it into the statute is helpful, then you should feel comfortable going ahead and voting for it and we're going to vote for it simply to clear the air and get this show on the road. But the release language that is being put in here, the release language that is contained in this amendment is precisely, word for word, the very court approved release that is required presently to be signed before the \$8.5 million can be distributed. So if your objective continues to be, as I think the objective of most of us was, that is to simply to correct the error that was made, then you can do that in one of two ways, by rejecting this amendment and putting no amendments on LB 1, or by adopting this amendment. Isn't it wonderful? You can do it any way you want. So, essentially, I hope that we can curtail the discussion on this and get it off Select File and get it over to Final and get it voted on and approved and if it's with or without this amendment, is neither here nor there to me, but we will support it. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you. Mr. President, members, I would echo Senator Beutler's comments. I did sit in on the meeting over the lunch hour and take a look at the situation. I'm very concerned, obviously all of you would be, after we amended this under the last second, last session, as a result put in some language that wasn't accurate and, thus, are now here today. So I was worried and I'm glad we took the break to check out legally whether this is proper or not and a number of people were there to look at it. I'm somewhat comfortable that this amendment won't hurt the situation or cause us to have an unconstitutional bill with a bill that is already proper in its form and so I guess I'm willing to give a vote of support to the amendment, mostly as a compromise, mostly as an accommodation to concerns. As Senator Beutler said, everything that is in here is already the case, it's already referenced, it's already what we're doing and nothing really changes and so I guess there is nothing lost. I guess I was mostly concerned though, any amendment scares me now. I don't want to see any amendment that isn't done right and a number of people, Ed Perry, Bob Gritmit, Attorney General's Office, others have looked at this and they all feel comfortable with it and not being an attorney, I guess you