

court has to confirm any award by an arbitration team. Also the appeal system is in place. If you don't like the result of the arbitration, the right to appeal is there. So in a whole number of different ways the court system continues to provide meaningful oversight to the arbitration process. The particular model code in one form or another has been adopted in more than 44 states. So, in a sense, we are latecomers to this particular development. But I think that what is being presented to you today is a good version, a good modification of that model act and one which will be helpful to us here in Nebraska, as it has been helpful in other states in assisting the courts with their caseload. That is basically an explanation of what the bill is all about. Senator Hoagland.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Okay, thank you, Senator Beutler. Senator Hoagland, we are back to your committee amendments. However, you have amendments to the committee amendments. Did you wish to take those ahead of the committee amendments?

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Yes, I think we would like to, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER NICHOL: All right. We'll go then to the amendments to the committee amendments now. Thank you. (See Hoagland-Beutler amendment found on page 320 of the Journal.)

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Now with Senator Beutler's comprehensive and competent explanation of what the uniform arbitration agreement does, let me discuss what the committee decided to do by way of limiting its application in Nebraska in the initial years. Now, as Senator Beutler indicated, 44 states, in one version or another, have adopted the uniform arbitration agreement. In recent years there is more and more material appearing in the legal literature that we really need to develop arbitration or means of arbitrating disputes to relieve the caseloads on the courts. Senator Beutler has distributed to you some materials that include an article by the Chief Justice indicating the need for developing alternative means of arbitrating disputes, of settling disputes, and also an article that appeared in the ABA Journal, an article that was also presented to us in the Judiciary Committee that is an excellent, I think, discussion and explanation for the need for arbitration.