

line 14, this provision merely makes clear that the District Court, in the appropriate county, has supervisory authority over the arbitration process. And in paragraph 6, beginning on page 18, this provision is intended to make clear that submitting to arbitration is to be voluntary and that no court can order arbitration of any matter where the parties have not previously contracted to resolve disputes through the arbitration process. The Commission of Industrial Relations in resolving disputes between governmental entities and their employee bargaining units, as a general rule, sometimes look into contracts of other similar governmental entities in bargaining units to determine whether the provisions of those contracts should be imposed upon the governmental entity or bargaining unit at hand. This provision is intended to make clear that the fact that other governmental entities and bargaining units may have contracted to use the arbitration process it cannot be used as a basis for the commission to impose an arbitration clause in any governmental entity and bargaining unit contract. And I would move for adoption of the committee amendments, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Any discussion on the amendments? Seeing none, the question is, shall the committee amendments to LB 71 be adopted? Those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Voting on the committee amendments. Have you all voted? Record.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays on adoption of the committee amendments, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The committee amendments are adopted. Back on the bill, as amended, a member from the 46th district, Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, as one of the introducers of LB 71, let me indicate that this is a bill that would make justice cheaper, faster and allow for a format of decision making that would have more expertise at the helm in the adjudicator than what we currently have now. It is for exactly those virtues that 30 some states, I believe there is about 38, have passed the Uniform Arbitration Act and have been working with it for decades. Those virtues of arbitration have been written into our statutes in a number of specialized ways. We currently recognize in our statutes the uniform act on interstate arbitration in the compromise of death taxes. We recognize the arbitration of manufacturers' warranty duties