

SENATOR LAMB: Yes, you will be closing on the amendment.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Mr. President. Members, this is the issue that has been raised a number of times and was raised with regard to the introduction of 716, the retroactivity of the issue with regard to any cases that currently may be pending. And a little bit of discussion with regard to 716 from where it sprang, I guess, is necessary. LB 716 is nothing more than the product of litigation that came out of the lottery petition drive. That's it. I'm a product of the petition effort. I petitioned onto the ballot in order to sit in this illustrious body. That's another issue. But what we're dealing with here is whether or not anything we do with regard to changing those laws will have effect on cases that are pending. It has never been my intent, and from day one both I and Senator Rupp have said that it was never our intent to have this language be retroactive or affect any pending cases. I filed an amendment that I just withdrew with Mr. O'Donnell and it did virtually the same thing that the amendment that Senator Barrett and I have co-sponsored. Senator Barrett preferred his language and I do, too. It is better drafted, better worded. It makes sense. What we are doing here is saying that in no way is the credibility of the body being tarnished. What we are doing is actually standing up and saying there are problems with our petition laws and there clearly are. We need to address that. We need to address that and we need to make sure that it's clearly understood by all individuals that we are addressing it on a proactive basis, as Speaker Barrett said, and want to have no effect with regard to anything that has happened in the past or any cases that have taken place in the past or currently pending. And, with that, I would strongly urge the body to support the Barrett-Hall amendment to this.

SENATOR LAMB: The motion is the adoption of the Barrett-Hall amendment to the Hall amendment. Those in support vote aye, those opposed vote no. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of Senator Barrett and Hall's amendment to the Hall amendment.

SENATOR LAMB: The amendment to the amendment has been adopted. Now we're back to the Hall amendment. Now we'll go back through the list again. Senator Scofield, did you care to address the Hall amendment?