

effort and find some inconsistency on some of those statements. For example, Senator Labeledz said, you know we need to support the committee system, yet I ask each of you, remember the history of this bill. How did this bill come before the floor? Not really through the committee system. It was yanked out of committee, so if we're going to support "the sacredness of the committee system", then the bill never should have come before the body in the first place. I personally don't see anything wrong with bringing the bill out of committee if it is deadlocked. But if we are going to support the sanctity of the committee system, then we should be consistent, and I would also suggest that in terms of consistency that very often members of this body, including myself, and I would imagine that all of the introducers on 382, have at one time or another supported amendments to bills which did not have a public hearing. Now we all know that this is a facade and this is an attempt that's used and an argument that's used when you don't want an amendment on. The bill hasn't had a public hearing. The amendment hasn't had a public hearing and therefore we should send it back. Well, we all use that, but the point is that this is, does have continuity with the concept of the bill, and contrary to what Senator Labeledz has said in terms of we're the only state, you know, I have to applaud Senator DeCamp for this effort, because I think that Nebraska has a chance to be a pioneer in an area of one of great controversy, and so rather than condemning Senator DeCamp for offering something new and innovative...John, once again you've done it, you've come up with something that is new and is creative. I see the chance to put a couple things together to save the state some money, to put it all under one area that can be controlled, and I don't want to mislead anybody, I'm sure that I won't. I have been a staunch opponent to 382, but I do think that the DeCamp amendments are reasonable. I think they begin to take care of some of the concerns that I have had and others, and if this amendment is adopted, I can support the bill. I guess finally I would say, Senator Venditte, when talking about research, if we look at the people that support the concept of the DeCamp amendment, and I think the list is very impressive, certainly much more so than those that supported 382, that's one of the biggest arguments I have against it. The medical profession does not support 382. The people that are knowledgeable about it generally do not, and the list of proponents in terms of people who are knowledgeable in the medical profession is very limited at best. But when you look at the list of people that support the concept that Senator DeCamp is talking about, it is in fact impressive.