

that are then presented to a national council with representatives of state bar associations, state legislatures and the executive branch. That group put their seal of approval on this probate code. The language that we have in the law now is from that uniform probate code. If Senator Beutler wants to make it such a long standing principle, his simplistic phrase that a man is responsible for debt, is flying in the face of this sort of legal expertise that has put this in the law across the country. The research I was able to come up with indicates that only six states have a provision similar to what Senator Beutler is providing, and that most states have followed what the uniform probate code has done. Most states have followed what our Judiciary Committee recommended to us. I think that we should make it clear and I think it is unfair to the members of this Legislature...I think it is unfair to the image of this Legislature to indicate that we did not know or we were not apprised of what we were doing when we made that change. I think the current law is well thought out, and I think there is a lot of legal documentation behind it and a lot of legal expertise, and that we should respect that. We should not just lightly say, well, this Legislature probably didn't know what it was doing. I think certainly the Judiciary Committee knew what it was doing and they presented that to us with full confidence. They gave us a full explanation and I think the Legislature, those of us who were in the Legislature then, can feel confident that we were apprised of the change. Now with regard to the bill before us right now, I may have misunderstood what Senator Beutler was saying, but he said in response to, I think, a question Senator Johnson raised, well, there is a problem with tort liability, that is a problem, and I am going to offer an amendment to change that. Well, if the bill on Select File needs amending, then I think the bill needs to stay on Select File. If Senator Beutler, as sponsor, having a whole year to look at this and a whole interim to think about this, did not have an amendment on General File, does not have an amendment today, then I would say that he has not thoroughly thought this bill through. Now he is telling us advance it, and then I will bring you some amendments and we will bring it back and we will amend it. I would suggest and I would think that Senator Beutler, who I know is concerned about procedures running smoothly, I would suggest it would be easier to leave the bill on Select File, to see what sort of amendments the introducer has to try and clear up what he admits are problems before we advance it. I think Senator Beutler has admitted that the bill in its current form has problems and until he can straighten those out, I do not think we should advance this bill to Final Reading. I do not think it is well enough