

The other question I would have for you, Senator Beutler, is that I understand that the Association of Commerce and Industry raised some objections to this proposal at the public hearing on this issue and that you made some effort to compromise or to meet their concerns, is that accurate?

SENATOR BEUTLER: That is accurate. The committee amendment is an effort to accommodate the Association of Commerce and Industry and last year there were two amendments that were put on to accommodate them also.

SENATOR CULLAN: Okay, thank you very much, Senator Beutler, I very much appreciate the responses that you have to our questions. Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I rise to support this particular proposal as it has been amended. Many members of the Legislature were here when we handled the products liability issue in the past and you can recall some of the concern that we had at that time about latent injuries and the cases like this when problems develop that are not discovered for some time. I think that this proposal is a good one and I hope that you consider it. In the absence of this proposal, there are some things that will happen in the State of Nebraska. If there is an individual that would have a cause of action under LB 29 and if this bill did not pass and he still had been injured, his alternative would be to perhaps sue the manufacturer in another state. That, of course, is a great burden to the residents of the State of Nebraska who have been injured and so I hope that for the sake of the citizens of the State of Nebraska who in this particular case have suffered perhaps grievously in the past, that we can allow them to bring their suits in the State of Nebraska. They can perhaps be litigated less expensively in this state, more convenience to most of the parties, and certainly to the residents of the State of Nebraska. So I hope that you would support Senator Beutler's proposal.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Goll.

SENATOR GOLL: Mr. Speaker, my question has been answered.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: I pass.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Hefner.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President, I have a question of Senator Beutler or Senator Fitzgerald would be okay, too.