

with the hearings because if you think that in the past the efforts that have been expended were going to cease, you can be very badly mistaken because I can assure you that all the various agencies involved will be marching out here four abreast and many thousands deep to retain the present position. I am not saying that they... Very frankly I would not have supported the bills, would not have supported the bills and I think that Senator DeCamp knows that as does the Governor but I think that to try to beat a dead horse across the finish line just for the purpose of maybe creating a little more controversy would be useless. So I would hope that we would withdraw the bills and proceed on with the legitimate work of the body.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Cullan and then Senator Johnson.

SENATOR CULLAN: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I rise to support Senator DeCamp's motion to allow for withdrawal of these bills because that is the prerogative I think of the introducer and as Senator DeCamp said, the Governor indicated that he wanted to withdraw the bills in this particular session. Senator Beutler has made a number of speeches on the floor of the Legislature since this session started, probably more than most of us and probably more than a number of us combined and usually I appreciate the wisdom which he offers this body and the legal work that he does but I have to say I can't appreciate a great deal of the content of the comments that he delivered to us this morning. I find it hard to believe his estimate that a hundred thousand dollars has been expended on these bills. It sounds a little ridiculous and I guess that claim may be one that is made so that the newspapers have something flashy to write, I don't know, but it is pretty inconceivable to me that they have expended those kinds of monies and I believe he said one agency spend \$25,000 to protect itself. Well maybe the agency should allow a philosophical debate to occur and not spend so much of the taxpayer's money or public funds on protecting its own existence. Maybe that is a good reason for introducing the bills in of itself. The most ridiculous thing that Senator Beutler said though was that we should hold the Governor to a commitment not to reintroduce bills to change the structure of these state agencies. Well maybe if the Governor finds additional problems and maybe if he sees that a need to reorganize these agencies in the future he should have that option and I think it is ridiculous to assume that he should not be able to come back in next year with a more thoroughly researched program with more political support behind it to achieve the same objectives and Senator Beutler wants request for a commitment from the Governor to ask him not to do something that would in the long run be in the benefit of the future of the State of Nebraska is