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wanted to make with regard to Final Reading with the exception of that then, we could go ahead and do on our own and I would be glad to work with you on that.

SENATOR VICKERS: Well, okay, thank you, Senator Beutler. I will support this bill on General File and I will attempt to work with Senator Beutler in the meantime, between now and Select File, and perhaps we can discuss it a little further at that time. Thank you, Senator Beutler.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Marsh.

SENATOR MARSH: Mr. Speaker, I rise to support LB 5 with the safeguard that is proposed that any individual Senator has the right to request Final Reading. That will be the safeguard for the people of Nebraska. With that safeguard, all of us should be willing to support LB 5 and I certainly do. Please help move this forward at this time.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is to advance the bill to E & R for Review. Senator Beutler, do you wish to close on that motion?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, there are just a couple of points I would like to address. I just talked to Roland Luedtke. The proposition has been on, just to clarify the situation, the proposition has been on the ballot twice since the late '60's. He wasn't sure exactly when the first time was but it has been on twice, never in the form that I am proposing it this time. The arguments on both sides I think that you have pretty much heard now but there are a couple of things that I wanted to comment on. People seem to be concerned about the fact that maybe if one person stands up and makes an objection that he will be frowned upon by the rest of the body. I don't think that is necessarily true at all, and I think probably it will depend in part upon what precedent we set the first year. If it gets to be a normal thing for people from time to time to request a reading, then I don't think there is going to be any problem with that. I would like to make a personal commitment to everybody in the Legislature though. As long as I am around, anybody who would like to have a bill read at large can anonymously leave me a note that they would like to have it read at large and I will formerly request on their behalf without revealing their identity...I will request that the bill be read at large. So at least so long as I am around, and that may not be very long, you will have the option of anonymously requesting that the bill be read at large. More seriously, although I intend that seriously, too, but more seriously, it would be possible