

another one coming up later today issuing tax exempt revenue bonds but we all ignore that. We don't realize that somebody else is going to have to make up the difference for those people that happen to be wealthy enough to invest in tax revenue bonds. I guess the mood of this nation is the same mood we have got right here in the Nebraska Legislature. Kick the teeth out of public education and at the same time help those that are rich, very rich, to have more tax exemptions. I don't think that is what we are here to do, either that or ignore the Constitution. I intend to vote yes on this and if it doesn't succeed I will intend to vote no on the bill as I have ever since it was first introduced in the committee.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Cullan.

SENATOR CULLAN: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, before I discuss LB 321 I would like to say two things. I really and sincerely and honestly hope that neither Senator Higgins nor Senator Vickers make it on the Supreme Court of the State of Nebraska and we really don't want either one of them on the Supreme Court. Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I rise to support Senator Koch and to oppose the motion to bracket LB 321. I have scanned briefly the Attorney General's opinion and I have not had time to do any research in this area because the Attorney General's opinion was just placed on our desk and that I think is unfortunate. It also is interesting to me though, in scanning the Attorney General's opinion that several times, at least twice in the course of the opinion, it says that time does not permit me to fully develop this argument or time does not permit me to fully analyze this argument and I guess I am a little concerned that when the Attorney General's opinions come to us this quickly under the pressure of time that maybe we haven't had as...maybe the Attorney General's office has not had sufficient amount of time to research this issue as well as we would like and I guess rather than be in a position where they do not have time to fully respond to the concerns raised by Senator Beutler, I wish they would simply let us know they have not had time to fully analyze it rather than give us an opinion that says time simply will not permit an extended discussion. I know of Mr. Johnson who Senator Koch said was very involved in the drafting of this legislation. He is an individual who has done a lot of work, as I understand, in bonding and I imagine that he probably has had time for an extended amount of work on this particular bill. So I guess I believe that... in the purposes of LB 321. I do not believe that the expert counsel who participated in the drafting of this legislation would simply throw us a poorly drafted ill-conceived measure. The Attorney General's opinion by its own admission did not