

body at this particular point in time. And, like I say, I respect the Speaker's position in that regard. But to simply move it over on Select File it will be a one-time, knock-down, drag-out debate with the amendments and we will go with it there. I would like to take any additional time I have and give it to Senator Ashford.

PRESIDENT: Senator Ashford, you have a little over two minutes.

SENATOR ASHFORD: I'm sorry, I didn't hear you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: You have a little over two minutes.

SENATOR ASHFORD: Mr. President and members, I would like to answer Senator Beyer's question about some of the opposition that he has been reading about. And I think a lot of it comes about in the area of reallocation and that's when there...as I said, there is a no-asset defendant and then you reallocate that negligence back. That's one of the concerns that was raised by the Bar Association and it's a procedural matter that I think needs to be changed in the bill, will be changed in the bill. And then there is another...there is another concern on a...that's been brought up by some of the business community. I think it's their only concern that I know of is if you have negligence, a defendant who is...has a small degree of negligence, are they going to be at some point on reallocation responsible for the full amount or a greater amount than what is reasonable? And that's a concern and that's a concern that we're addressing for Select File. I think what's going to happen here is if we don't pass this bill is we're going to be giving up a...and I don't know what people are telling you, but the information that's being disseminated from the Chambers of Commerce Association here in Lincoln is wrong. This bill will help the business community, especially as amended or I wouldn't be supporting it. And I think, one last point, Bill Barrett asked me to move this bill today and in deference to Bill Barrett I am doing it. He's right, the process needs to keep going. It would be a shame to give two years of...I could have bracketed this bill today but I did not do it. I fought hard that it not be bracketed out of respect for the Speaker and out of respect for the process. And if I can't prove to you that on Select File that this bill makes sense for the business community of the State of Nebraska, then vote against it and I expect you to vote against it.