

Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, the first motion I have is to indefinitely postpone the bill. That is offered by Senator Hall. Senator Ashford as principal introducer would have the option to lay the bill over, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Ashford, your wishes, please.

SENATOR ASHFORD: How many people are here? No, we'll take it up now, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Take the bill up now, or the motion, excuse me. Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Mr. President and members. It is with much difficulty that I rise and offer this motion to indefinitely postpone LB 371, both because Senator Haberman has offered it as his priority bill and Senator Ashford brought it to General Affairs Committee that I happen to sit on and I even voted to advance this out of committee. If you look at the committee statement, I will up front admit to that. Every once in a while when we are here there are times when I guess we turn our head, maybe we hold our nose and we vote for something that possibly we think in our gut that we shouldn't have or very likely should have questioned a little more. I confess to the fact that LB 371 is one of those provisions that falls in that category or under that definition for me. The...I missed much of the committee discussion because of introducing other bills that same day, but I didn't have the opportunity, and I guess I would like it at this time, but I didn't have the opportunity to hear for the short time I was there any good reason as to why LB 371 is needed. I passed out for you a copy of Nebraska statutes 87-402. It is the Franchise Practices Act. This is something that was passed by the body in 1978 and what LB 371 does is strikes that out of the statutes and replaces it with the bill as it is before the body. Now I got to thinking about the fact that I didn't say anything on 371 when it was before the General Affairs Committee, and I had some time the other day, we were on Final Reading, pulling a bill back and amending it, and I had some time to sit and think about the bill while we were finishing up Final Reading and I said, I probably should address that issue, and with that, I did not, I apologize. The kill motion was not printed nor the amendments that follow if the kill motion should fail, but I didn't expect the bill to be