

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Hall would move to amend the bill.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Hall, please.

SENATOR HALL: Mr. President and members, the amendment that I have to LB 211, the Clerk has up there it shows up on 2482, and is a very simple amendment to the bill we have before us. The bill is Senator Langford's bill that deals with increasing the statute of limitations with regard to sexual assault on minors. And my amendment is...would be found on page 2 of the bill, line 7. Currently in statute there are four items that have no limitation whatsoever with regard to the statute of limitations. Those are treason, murder, arson and forgery. I don't have any problem with treason and murder, but I did...I was unaware of the issue of arson and forgery being a provision that there was no statute of limitations. I can think of a number of other crimes specifically that involve personal injury or other types of things, rape for example, that I would think would be more suitable, more justified with regard to an unlimited statute of limitations or at least an extended statute. And I can't understand why arson and forgery would be given the benefit of basically no limitation whatsoever. I would think that if one were to burn up their car, burn down their house, whatever in order to collect insurance, one were to write a bad check, that that would not be something that should have unlimited prosecution or the ability for that. But yet according to our statutes they do. And I don't understand that. And I think that it is a provision that goes back a long way, and basically goes back because of the individuals who lobby on behalf of it, the banks and the insurance companies. And I think since we have LB 211 before us it does open the statute and allow for this language to basically be cleaned up and taken out of there. All my amendment does is basically strike the words arson and forgery, allow for them to fall within the normal limitation that we have of three years. And I would urge adoption of the amendment to the bill.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Discussion? Senator Smith, followed by Senator Kristensen. Senator Smith.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to ask Senator Hall a few questions, if I might.