

adjustment and flexibility. But I think it's also important not to take his comments and feel that this legislation, or previous state legislation is forcing anybody to do anything other than try and protect individuals and families and workers in a safe fashion as they handle asbestos. We don't mandate that it be removed, that's a federal mandate dealing only with the schools. And, outside of that, what the federal government is trying to do, and what the state is trying to do is recognize if you are going to remove asbestos, if you are going to be involved in material that includes asbestos, you should handle it carefully, you should do it safely, you should not have your workers exposed and harmed. You should not have other individuals and the public exposed and harmed. And I don't think that's unreasonable, I think it's reasonable. However, where you draw the line into what is in and what's out, what's covered, what isn't, and how you proceed is all subject to discussion and obviously is worthwhile and perhaps we will find that asbestos hasn't been quite as bad as people think. I don't think that, myself. In the 12 years that I've been here I've been here I've seen study after study that would indicate how serious a carcinogen it is, how dangerous it can be, and how carefully we must deal with it. Nevertheless, there are other studies that have come out that would tend to dispute that. But it is not all one-sided, it is a very complex issue with a very important substance, that being asbestos. People are concerned, they're worried. Perhaps we've gone overboard in some ways with some of those federal regulations. But, nevertheless, in the interest of safety sometimes that mistake is made. But rather than be too safe, you know, I don't want to go the other way and have us exposing people to dangerous substances. So, I see the issue that Senator Hannibal is talking about. I think we'll continue to evolve in this. But at this point, at this time, this session, this year, this legislation is the way to go. We can follow up next year, perhaps other changes may be in order, and perhaps we won't like the way we've eased up in some ways, maybe we'll want to step back to where we were. But I think, at this time, this is the way to go, and I'd certainly support a vote to advance the bill, and will further work with other senators who have questions. But I would hope we'd pass this legislation quickly, so we could resolve this issue.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. The question is the advancement of LB 923 to E & R engrossing. All in favor of that motion say aye. Opposed no. Ayes have it, motion carried, the bill is advanced. To LB 1146, Mr. Clerk.