

discussion of LB 854, because, members of the body, this is where we would have been on that first day. Senator Lindsay was scared to death, apparently, though he will say he was not, but apparently he had to be, of anyone offering a legitimate amendment because he will argue there was...no one is going to offer a legitimate amendment. We'll never know. We'll never know. I think Senator Landis had one. I know I had one that I thought was very legitimate that would have expanded the type of counseling that could be offered so people in western Nebraska might find it easier to get the counseling that they're going to be demanded of, and that was reasonable. But we'll never get to those because if this were General File, we would be arguing right now exactly where we are because the first motion would have been, let's cease debate. We would have got to Select File, then the next motion would have been to cease debate and Final Reading there would have been cease debate. It would have been no different. It would have been no different. But, apparently, that is not a perversion of the rules. And Senator Lindsay is well versed with this particular topic when it comes to democratic principles and rights. He's well versed. When the majority abuses the rights that they have, the minority must respond with anything that they have. And the only thing that was given to us when the majority decided to move it across all the way without any debate, without any amendments, the only thing we had that you gave us were rules. You forced the game. You forced the hand. Senator McFarland, even today, and he will be smiling and saying all neat things when it's all over, Senator McFarland today was very magnanimous. He offered the body a compromise. He said, tell you what, I don't...I'm afraid that you guys might have some really good amendments that might do this, might make some sense, or you might have a small amendment that might make sense. So I'm going to offer a motion to give you what you kind of want. We'll give you an hour's worth of debate but you can't change a word of this. You can't make a motion and, for Pete's sake, you can't change a word on this bill. I'm going to bet you that Senator Peterson were in the Chamber, I could ask him a series of 15 questions on what is in the bill and I'm going to bet you he couldn't answer 10 of those, not that he wouldn't understand, but I don't think he's taken time to read the bill yet. I don't think many people in the body have taken time to read the bill yet. And that's the whole point. How many of you have actually sat down and read through it to know whether or not there could be some changes made? That is a perversion of the system. And it's all that we have. Senator Lindsay just wants to take it one step further