

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Chambers, please, followed by Senator Hall.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, I think that the bill, in its present form, in giving a general definition that does not laundry list exemptions, puts it in better condition than it was in the green form of the bill even with the committee amendments. So, based on that, I think we're less bad off than we would have been without the amendment. And after hearing Senator Hefner's eloquent appeal that we accept the bill and advance it in its present form, he has equaled Senator Elmer. I had said I was not going to vote yes on this bill, under any circumstances, but having considered Senator Hefner's arguments, I am going to be as reasonable as I can be at this juncture and I'm going to vote for the bill. And I agree with Senator Landis, there may be some things that have to be looked at, but since we are moving in a direction that is at least broadly based in terms of an all-inclusive definition, I feel less uncomfortable with it. So I'm going to vote to advance it.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Hall, you're the last light, are you closing or is Senator Hefner closing?

SENATOR HALL: No, I'm not carrying the bill.

PRESIDENT: All right. Okay.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Mr. President. The...I'm not going to...even though I supported Senator Conway's amendment to the bill, I'm not going to rise and agree with what Senator Hefner said with regard to the changes that LB 1 would make as it has been amended, because I do not believe that LB 1, as we have it before us, is in any way, shape or form a resolution to the issue of \$30 million or \$40 million, whatever that price tag is out there, on lost base. I don't think it changes the situation as we have it before the courts. I don't know that there is anything in LB 1, and we have changed the definition, but I don't think that that impacts the cases that are before the courts. I don't know that there may not be other suits that follow that basically protect the base into the future and I don't want to leave the impression with the body that all of us agree that LB 1 is a solution to that 30 million or 40 million dollar shortfall or potential shortfall that the subdivisions of