

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Haberman. Senator Kristensen, followed by Senators Byars and Lindsay. Senator Kristensen.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Madam President, and members of the body, I do want to substantively speak to the amendment and to the bill being placed on file, but, Senator Haberman, I find your speech interesting, in fact, so interesting that I've decided to go back and dig out a little of that history that you were talking about. And I go back to a speech that you gave to me. And I want to just read to you. You've probably been lobbied individually. This is you, Senator Haberman, and that they have said to you, look, you don't have to support the issue, you just have to support LB 1063, just give us the opportunity to get it to the floor, and if you haven't made up your mind, well, you ought to have the opportunity to discuss it. And you go on to tell us, well, don't fall for that. In my opinion, don't fall for it, I've seen that tried many, many times, it's kind of, if you stop to think about it, you're kind of handing a lollipop that doesn't have a handle on it. They are saying, well, you can have a lick of this but let's just put it on the floor, but you won't be able to hold onto it. Now the committee heard the pros and cons of LB 1063 and there were some members who were in favor of it but not a majority. And you go on and say, so we decided not to advance the bill. And you could sort of say, why have the committee structure if we're going to have the committee have public hearings, and if we're going to have the committee hear all this information and make a decision, but we're going to throw it out now, not throw it out because of what the committee said, we're going to yank it out for them to take it onto the floor. And so, Senator Haberman, I do that simply because I found your speech so interesting on LB 1063, figuring you might make the same speech today. I think we ought to follow your advice on LB 1063 on February 26th of this year. Certainly, this bill was in committee. There are provisions of this bill that have legitimate safety features, no doubt about it, I would not argue to the contrary. Certainly, in speaking with the engineers, they bring up some very, very good points of safety. However, the facts of this bill are this. At the most, there were three votes for this bill in committee. The preemption issue was of concern to some members of the committee. There was an Attorney General's Opinion requested and received that said that this bill, at least the green copy, certainly did violate the preemption issue, which