

show that these questions were raised, that they were raised with reference to essential aspects of the bill and that those who offered the bill want these provisions in it. And, that having been said, I want to withdraw that amendment.

SPEAKER WITHEM: That amendment is withdrawn. Anything further?

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Preister would move to amend the bill. On page 4, change Class III to Class V. (FA7 appears on page 492 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Preister.

SENATOR PREISTER: Thank you, honorable President, friends all, I got the message about compassion and so I'm going to try one more time to at least extend maybe six votes a little further so that, in the event that this bill passes, and it seems certain that it will, this would change the penalty so that someone at least would not be sent for jail time if that was the decision of the court. It would change from a Class III misdemeanor to a Class V misdemeanor which would still allow for the fine but would not allow for actual jail time, so that in the event that someone's own animal got caught, in the event that person was acting out of an act of compassion to try and at least rescue an animal that was trapped and in some cases maybe attempting to save its own life, that that act of compassion would not be rewarded by a trip to the jail and be that county or state or wherever good time may be and how that's interpreted at that particular time, how long that length of stay may be. Particularly in light of what Senator Chambers, and I appreciate him pointing that out, has just stated about a person accompanying someone else, so that even a person accompanying someone who was there attempting to show compassion and had absolutely nothing to do with it, or even somebody accompanying someone who was intentionally doing it, and I'm not dealing with that. But that person accompanying them would and could also be sentenced to jail time for just happening to be there at that particular time. I really don't think that that's the intention of this legislation although I don't know that specifically. So I introduce this amendment to at least take away the act of a potential jail sentence for somebody expressing an act of compassion. Thank you very much.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Preister. You've heard the opening on the amendment. For discussion on the Preister