

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 216 was discussed yesterday. It's been offered by Senator Hall. (Read title.) The bill was discussed briefly, committee amendments were adopted. I now have a motion to indefinitely postpone the bill, Mr. President, by Senator Chambers. Senator Hall has the option to lay the bill over, Mr. President.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I want to pull that motion.

SPEAKER WITHEM: The motion is withdrawn. Mr. Clerk, anything else on the bill?

CLERK: Nothing further on the bill at this time, Mr. President.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Okay, Senator Hall, would you like to take two or three minutes to bring the body up-to-date on the bill.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Mr. President, members, and welcome back.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Before you get going, I see your light is on first. Do you want to just be recognized to speak, or would you like a couple minutes to bring us up-to-date and then speak again?

SENATOR HALL: I'll just use the time, the fact that my light is on. Thank you. The proposal that's before us is the one that deals with the use of lawful products outside the workplace, no matter what the policy is for employers in most instances. With the adoption of the committee amendments what we have done is we've adopted the provision that is what we call the religious exemption, if you will. Talks about those individuals and we had a discussion yesterday. Actually, we had a very good discussion. We talked about the issue of the religious exemption. Senator Bohlke raised that question and we debated it somewhat in terms of how that would work. We also talked, Senator Preister had an amendment that dealt with the issue of striking the nonprofit as the organization with regard to any lawful product when the primary purpose of an...or objective of such organization is to promote, control, limit or eliminate the use of such lawful products. Those are the two exemptions, the not-for-profit organization and the charitable or religious