

time I speak there is the question, am I using my role in the body, or am I speaking as a member of the 14th District. This time I am only speaking as an individual, as a member of this body from the 14th Legislative District. This bill has disappointed me greatly in that I...we have debated this bill for 8 hours and 12 minutes on General File. I will admit I have not listened to every word of the debate, but I have not heard one argument that would tell me where one individual in the State of Nebraska is going to have a better life as the result of passage of this bill. I have not heard that argument. I have heard arguments about how it's really not as bad as Senator Beutler says it is; it is really not as bad a bill as Senator Chambers says it is; it is really not as bad a bill as Senator Preister says it is, but I have yet to hear how any individual in the state is going to benefit from it. The original anecdote that caused Senator Jones to bring the bill is one that was a dispute between two private individuals. If the argument is that this will slow down and stop rules and regulations and we ought to do that, then make that argument, but nobody has made that argument. And I know people right now are probably getting very frustrated with Senator Chambers, as we do, but I think Senator Chambers is probably equally frustrated because of the process that has gone on on this bill. I have, again I have not heard and I would like to and I don't...is Senator Jones on the floor, or Senator Wickersham? Maybe they aren't even in the position to answer the question. I would like, we have probably 26 more minutes, I would like somebody that's a supporter of this bill to punch on their light and indicate what the positive gain for the citizens of Nebraska will be if this bill is put into place. I have not heard that argument yet. All I have heard is why the arguments against the bill really aren't as good as they should be and it is not going to hurt that much to pass the bill. That is very sick rationale for passing a piece of legislation, particularly one that is going to impact on every agency of our state and cost us a fair sum of money. So I will be voting to bracket this bill until June 15th, if that is the will of the body. I also, now slipping back into the other role here, that I will be happy to, if it is the will of the body, to bracket the bill until a date certain, I will be happy to try to work with individuals to see if there are some good things that can be brought from this bill, and my standards would not be simply to make an amendment that will cause the opponents to fold up their tent and go away, I think we ought to make amendments to this bill that will actually turn it into a good bill, if that is possible, and I don't know that it is.