

we experience things. We put protective measures into law. We go for a period of time. It is a little bit of an irritant, it is a little bit inconvenient. We forget about the problems that we had. We take it out, and then pretty soon, by golly, we have the problem again and we are trying to figure out what to do about it. Well, this is a situation where I suppose one could take the cynical view that there ain't nothing to be done about people that want to rig bids, and to a certain extent, I suppose that's true. But I also think it is true that we should keep in our provisions...in our law those things that afford us some measure of protection, however small it may be, against those kinds of activities, and I think that that is what this ser'ence was, and I prefer that LB 447 didn't delete it, and for that reason I will be voting no, and I would ask for a record vote.

PRESIDENT ROBAK PRESIDING

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Senator Robinson.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Madam President, members of the body, how much time do we have left on the fifteen minutes?

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator, there is eleven minutes left.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Okay. I believe that this is...this is a good bill because we ran the bill last year, it came out of committee without any negative votes, likewise, this year. And other states have, the surrounding states have the same statute that we are trying to implement here, and the Department of Roads have no...they have no problem with this bill, and it doesn't make sense that to let the subcontractors know who is going to be bidding a project? Maybe we will get a better price on some highway construction if this happens. But this is a good bill, so I'd give the remainder of my time to Senator Withem.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Withem.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Yeah, thank you, Senator Robinson. Right now I am reading a book called The Death of Common Sense. It is kind of an interesting...interesting book. I think a lot of people involved in government are aware of, maybe more of you have gotten further through it than I have, but the basic premise of the bill is that in the last 20 or 30 years or so, since the New