

statute of repose. That is all this amendment does. It takes the provisions that are in Section 16 of the bill that were left, that Senator Kristensen did not include in his amendment, that were at forty years, and it reduces them to ten. All it does is bring it into uniformity with the other provisions that are currently in law and the one the body just by a very large number spoke to and said that the ten-year time frame is the appropriate one. With that, I would urge adoption of the amendment.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Senator Hall. There are many lights pending from the last amendment. We will go through briefly, if you wish to speak, obviously, let us know. Senator Pedersen. I don't see Senator Pedersen at this point. Senator Maurstad. I don't see Senator Maurstad. Senator Will.

SENATOR WILL: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. I rise in support of this amendment. I think that the least we can do is if we are going to adopt the policy at the state level as to how old a product must be or how soon an action must be commenced and we are going to set that level at ten years, I think the least we can do is make it consistent, and I think that is what Senator Hall's amendment intends to do, and it's a very simple amendment. It would take the remaining portion of the bill dealing with the hazardous waste and change it from forty to ten years. So I would urge the body's support for it.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Senator Will. Senator Lindsay.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Thank you, Mr. President and members. I concur with the Hall amendment. I think it does, it will return a little consistency to the area. I think if it's appropriate as the statute of repose, I think it should be appropriate regardless of what particular product is being used, and whether that product is something that is used by the consumer, or whether it is...and owned by an out-of-state manufacturer, which is generally the case, which we have taken the steps, and continue to take the steps to protect out-of-state manufacturers, or whether we ought to provide a little protection for in-state ratepayers through their utilities, so I think this would return a little consistency and I think it is an appropriate amendment.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Senator Lindsay. Senator