

fair on both sides. It allows that, you know, both people will be subjected to the same treatment, I guess, if they're in contempt of the court instead of a heavy-handedness and a bureaucratic approach that, you know, we're not trying anything in between here. You're saying that you've been working on this, and that should be why we should put it forward, to me it's something...the reason we're working on it on the floor so much is because it came out of committee without a solution that enough people felt comfortable with, and that was evidenced in even the votes to bring it from General File. It was 27 votes and several of those people that I've talked to were uncomfortable with their vote and just kind of wanted to bring it forward to see kind of what's out there and what kind of discussion we could have because they know that there's a problem, because I know there's a problem. I've had a lot of calls on this problem. And they want to try to do something about it, but they don't want to go to this huge 592 approach, but they want to keep the discussion going, which is why I've offered this on Select File, because I feel the same way. It isn't that it's coming in too late. You're trying to tell me that it's too late to change this bill because we're on Select File. If you have that attitude, why have Select File, because this is the time to change it, this is the time to have a discussion on it. On General File I think you're just saying, you know, well this bill is out here for debate, and let's see where the support is. But I think Select File is an important time to be offering some...some suggestions on what people can feel comfortable with. You had an awful lot of people, almost half the body that was not comfortable with 592, enough on General File to vote for it. So, obviously, all those individuals,...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR WITEK: ...myself included, were looking for some other solution. I think this amendment offers a good compromise, a good solution that we can try here in the state of Nebraska, see how that works, see if that enhanced contempt, that they can use for contempt of court, the enhanced penalties for contempt will solve the problem or help the problem to the point where we can look maybe for other areas that might need to be adjusted. But to go from one end to the other, to a very heavy-handed approach, to me, is not what will work best. And I'd like to give something like this, this compromise opportunity a chance