

going to support Senator Brashear's amendment and sometimes I wish that we included all the other state in it. I think I'll give the rest of my time to Senator Brashear.

SPEAKER WITHEM: I'm sorry, to senator who?

SENATOR KLEIN: Brashear.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Brashear, you have about three minutes.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, thank you, Senator Klein, I appreciate it. I will endeavor to...I do not want to prolong and so I will endeavor to make my final points. After we adopt LB 108, if we do, the negotiation or negotiations with Kansas are going to go forward. Now let's look at that point in time. Kansas has been a factor, I will contend, in getting Nebraska to do that which it believes...Kansas believes it should do and what is in Kansas' best interest. Kansas will benefit. And then as we know, based upon all of the information which Senator Beutler has shared with us, Kansas can say, thank you very much, that's an admission against interest that you should have done something a long time ago; it's not.... It's too little, too late. It's not good enough. We're glad you have LB 108, but we still want damages. If I were going to sit at that table, I think it would be effective and meaningful to have the ante raised considerably. And to say whether we should have or we shouldn't have, whether we did or we did not, we are not going to do this, take this good faith act which is in our best interest and in the best interest of Kansas and sit here and let you say, thank you very much, and now we'll see you in court. And it's for that reason that I urge the body to adopt the amendment. And I'll...it's probably unconventional, but I'll dare to suggest that if we aren't going to send the strongest signal by adopting it 49 to 0,...

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: ...49 to 0, and I'm not imagining that, maybe the next strongest signal we could send would be 24 votes in favor. Beyond that, I've had an opportunity to express a point of view that I believe is in Nebraska's best interest, Kansas' best interest, saves us money and postures us correctly, and I urge the adoption of the amendment.