

the brewpub bill that we had an opportunity to discuss, certainly not enough, at Select File for my preference and I, in I guess frustration and anger, disappointment, filed probably enough to keep us going quite awhile in defeating maybe not this bill but probably other bills. There's some fights that I guess I'd be willing to fall on a sword for. This is not going to be one of them. That doesn't mean I think the bill is a good bill. It's not. It's bad policy, it's horribly unfair. It was...the bill consists of a total of two-and-a-half hours debate at Select File with little or no notice to the public that it was going to occur. But I was given an opportunity I guess to try to make that case at Select File. The...whether... By the way, somebody mentioned this earlier. I've got to go off on a tangent. Somebody was going to ask if I was going out in a blaze of glory, taking down all these other bills with me, but I had to tell them, no, I'd go out with a whimper, and that's what I'm doing. I'm whimpering. The...but I did want to just point out to you, I did pass around a letter that I received this morning. A guy named Eli Feiling, I believe it's pronounced, from Tekamah, came to me yesterday to my office, said: I read in the paper about this bill dealing with brewpubs. I'm a student over at the university. I've been getting into this area. I've been researching it. I've been doing a business plan, and here's what I plan to do after graduation. Has to do with a microbrewery, not a brewpub, but with this legislation we're likely going to make that little business go away. That's the unfortunate part about this debate. I think it's been characterized as Anheuser-Busch and Miller versus these tiny little brewpubs, and that's not the case. Craft brews make up, from what I understand, about one percent of the beer market. The big boys play with about 99 percent. I think you can probably catch the drift that they don't care what's going on here, and they don't. What this is, is established brewpubs who are in a restaurant business expanding into the manufacturing business who are the ones that I think have the resources to make the...to be able to get legislation passed versus some people who are tiny little start-up companies that do not have those resources. And it's been unfortunate that it's been characterized I think a little bit the other way, or at least the perception is that. As I mentioned, I've talked to Senator Landis. I do not intend to push through these. I still would ask, I guess, that you not vote for...that you not vote for the bill. Senator Chambers, as I guess just had...Senator Chambers, would you like part of my time? I'm going to give part of my