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of in the driver's seat here today, but earlier that wasn't my attitude. I even had a few words with Senator Redfield, yesterday, well, late, after we finished. We discussed, just a little bit, on this bill, so I wasn't just trying to do things on the floor, we were genuinely trying to figure out what could be done with this bill. I would venture to say I put as much time on it as anybody, and probably more, but I won't be that arrogant, because I take this thing seriously, because I see the harm that it's going to do. And what I'm going to have to do is explain what my amendment does, but I think I need to see it first. This is one that would change the effective date. The way the bill reads now this bill goes into effect October of this year, October 1st of the year 2000. My amendment would say October 1st of the year 2001, to give people a chance to see what all of this is about. Maybe they want to rush and get it operational, whatever they wind up with, before anybody is aware of anything. So there are still problems, even of a technical nature such as this, with the bill that require additional discussion. So under the best of circumstances, the bill is not in a condition to be advanced. But you know what I'd agree to do? What I had talked about in the very beginning, yesterday, strike everything out of the bill except Senator Beutler's and Senator Preister's amendment, and then, if there was a study desired on the pricing structure, put something about the study in the statute so they could have that, but it would focus on what they say is the problem. Well, some people feel that the study is giving them nothing, so they don't want it. Then that would mean the only two things that would be in the bill are the two amendments that Senators Beutler and Preister put in the bill. Then as far as I was concerned, if others agreed with that, the bill could move to Select File and we would continue to argue and see what we could come up with. All that is out the window. Brothers and sisters, I know when to hold 'em, and I know when to fold 'em, and I'm not in a position right now where I have to fold anything. We are scheduled to stay here late tonight. I knew that when the Speaker handed out the schedule. I prepare myself for the reality that I have to face. So, regardless of what we'll be doing here until that late hour arises when everybody gets tired and quits, I'm ready to be here for that full amount of time, but the same cannot be said for my colleagues. You throw them something that gets them a little off key, or a little off course, and the wind is taken out of