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SENATOR BRASHEAR: Mr. President, thank you. Members of the body, it is written that there is nothing new under the sun and I want to start with that premise. This may turn out to be the strangest introduction of a bill in the history of the Legislature, but I'm going to do it my way. I want to start with the premise that there's nothing new under the sun so that we set...we have an understanding about this bill. This bill, I respectfully suggest, has a lot of ideas, a lot of provisions, and does a lot of things, but there's nothing new. I stress that to begin to lay the premise for giving credit to where this kind of a compilation of work comes from, and I begin by pausing a moment to tell you that this bill is prioritized by Senator Dwite Pedersen and I'm grateful to him for prioritizing it. Thank you, Senator Dwite Pedersen. But, you know, it goes a long way beyond that. Senator Dwite Pedersen has labored mightily in this vineyard of ideas for a long, long time, and so I say again thank you, Senator Dwite Pedersen. You've been trying this for years. You've been intimately connected with it and these ideas for years. Now I'm going to continue my premise, there's nothing new under the sun, because I want to make the further point that this isn't...all this work that is represented by this bill that was done by all these people didn't just suddenly happen. One of the first idea...one of the first times I ever heard one of the ideas that's contained in this bill, it was from Senator John Synowiecki. Senator Burling is familiar with the environment, as we would say, of this bill and has been encouraging; Senator Kruse also. Senator Chambers has labored his whole time in the Legislature looking at and dealing with and making better the subject matter of the issues that are presented by this bill, making certain that he was representing, as he calls it, the collarless. The point I'm trying to make is that I will give...I will detail for you the people who actually specifically worked on this work product for 14 months, but if you take the veteran members of this body, I'm speaking very generally, whether it be Senator Beutler or Senator Landis, Senator Schimek, there are a lot of people who have had these ideas. Why do I belabor this in this opening? So that you will have confidence in what is being compiled, what has been compiled and is being presented here, so that you will not feel like we are...we are, I think, presented here with a