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for the operation of the commission and for the promotion of this bill. As you see on the Select File now amendments, there is an amendment to change...that could change this in the future, but right now we need the A bill to move along with the current fiscal note of this bill.

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: Thank you, Senator Connealy. The floor is open for discussion on LB 28A. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, Senator Brashear and I had talked about the underlying bill, LB 28, but not LB 28A, so really, based on the letter of our discussion, I'm not bound to let LB 28A move. However, there is such a thing as the spirit of the law or an agreement, and the letter of the law and an agreement. The letter of the law is an attempt to capture in words what the spirit is, and because sometimes people will not abide by the spirit of an agreement, whatever parts of it can be reduced to words will be done. And a stickler could say, Ernie, anything outside of what you and Senator Brashear agreed to is off the table. But I think the spirit of the law is more important than the law itself. The spirit includes the reasoning, the motivation, the purpose. The letter of the law will never include all that. Since it's clear to me what Senator Brashear was intending and discussing, the spirit of our agreement would include LB 28A, even though we did not discuss it. I view LB 28A in the same way I would view the four wheels on an automobile. When I purchase an automobile, I do not have to specify that it will have four wheels. The concept, the understanding, the definition of automobile, includes all of those parts essential to make it what it is. LB 28A being essential to Senator Connealy's LB 28, LB 28...he's just nodding over here like a bobblehead doll, but he's nodding to that which is right. I'm also not going to mess with LB 28A at this time. But farther down the line, if we get to it, I will then unleash all of the venom of which the king cobra is capable. As my friend Senator Combs, I don't see her, she has come up with a standard by which you can judge the degree of my opposition to the bill, a bill. She has one which she calls a "four-fanger." This will be a "four-fanger," but I will retract my fangs at this time and let the body do what it pleases with this bill. Thank you, Mr. President.