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in committee. I talked to Senator Bourne. He was not opposed to the bill but I will let him say that if he so wishes. So I'm just asking that this bill, LB 128, be made part of LB 1113 with this amendment. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Hudkins. Further discussion? Senator Bourne. Senator Bourne waives his opportunity. Senator Synowiecki.

SENATOR SYNOWIECKI: Thank you, Senator Cudaback. Senator Hudkins, you had indicated you had a hearing on this before the Judiciary Committee. But because it hasn't gotten out, there's no committee statement. Was there any opposition testimony?

SENATOR HUDKINS: There was, Senator Synowiecki. According to the notes I have, there were 11 people that supported the bill and 5 that opposed it.

SENATOR SYNOWIECKI: The five individuals that opposed the bill, do they represent any...were they individual testifiers, did they represent...

SENATOR HUDKINS: I don't know. I just have names. I don't have if they were organization representatives.

SENATOR SYNOWIECKI: Thank you, Senator Hudkins. My fear is is that we adopt this on Select File, we may have those individuals that objected to Senator Hudkins' bill at the hearing, we'll probably be hearing from those folks between Select and Final relative to their concerns with the bill. I'm reluctant to support this amendment and it's just due to process, due to lack of process. I would rather prefer ... while it's not at all out of the ordinary to adopt amendments that are previously bills onto existing bills on Select File, typically and normally them bills have gone through the committee process. This amendment has not gone through the committee process. I'm not saying that the amendment or the underlying bill doesn't have merit. relative to process, I think we'd better be careful what we do, particularly at this eleventh hour. I would prefer that the Judiciary Committee be given opportunity to give this their full and complete consideration. Thank you, Senator Cudaback.