

committee almost two months prior I think is an extremely poor precedent. If that's what we're going to start during the last month of the session, Katie, bar the door, that's just not something that you're going to do. The amendment is not germane to begin with, but that is something that we argue if this thing is returned. I think that as members of the Legislature you ought to see fit to put an end to a procedure like this and Senator Wesely had plenty of opportunity. If that's something that you want to do on General File or Select File, to at least even discuss it, you could have. 253 was not a consent bill. It was a bill that was a priority bill that came through the regular course of debate so it had plenty of time and I find this offensive and I certainly would urge you not to return this for a specific amendment. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK PRESIDING

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Kristensen. Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members, I rise to oppose the motion to return to Select for purposes of the specific amendment that Senator Wesely offers. It was before the Judiciary Committee in the form of LB 610. It was unanimously indefinitely postponed by that committee as Senator Kristensen has pointed out as well as Senator Wesely did. If you look at the bill in its green copy form, at the front of it is a fiscal note. The fiscal note states that for volunteers to get the kind of liability coverage that Senator Wesely would immune them from having to have in his amendment, is about \$2.50 per person on the open market. So in other words if you got 10 volunteers in a not-for-profit organization, in order to make sure that they are covered for purposes of these kinds of lawsuits, it's going to cost that organization 25 bucks. If you've got 100 volunteer, it's going to cost you \$250 to ensure that if they should perform some kind of act in their capacity as a volunteer that could put the organization in jeopardy, the very simple way you handle that is go out to the open market and have insurance coverage for them. For 100 volunteers it would be \$250, a very small price for a not-for-profit organization to pay in order to have the luxury of that volunteer work force help them cut their costs, do their role and mission, but also make sure that the people that those volunteers are helping are protected themselves against any kind of misconduct or mishap on the part of that volunteer. It's a real simple way to solve that problem. It is not extremely expensive. It is also the