

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Hillman. Senator Dierks.

SENATOR DIERKS: Mr. Speaker and members of the body, I, too, am thankful that Senator Lindsay was as persistent as he was, and has come up with the amendment that has satisfied the needs of most of us. I know that there are some difficulties that some people have with certain parts of that legislation, myself included. But I think at this point it's in our best interest to go ahead and advance the amendment...advance the...attach the amendment and advance the bill, and I would ask your support in doing that. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Senator Hohenstein.

SENATOR HOHENSTEIN: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I rise very briefly to support the Lindsay amendment. I want to also thank Senator Dierks. I know this is his priority bill and when your belief is firm as bedrock, to yield an inch seems it hurts an awful lot, I know he's had to yield on this issue some, and that's difficult for him but I think he's done the right thing and I commend him for that. This compromise brings to, I guess, to mind a couple of quotations. One, it's interesting that we're back to basically what we had before and although Leopold once said, the first role of intelligent tinkering is to save all the pieces, we saved the pieces and we've come back to that and I think we put together a compromise that is a good compromise. We haven't had to scrap the whole works and start over again. Although I think the changes made in this are significant and important. And the next quotation, I guess, before I tell you what that is, the other night we gathered at, I think, Senator Schimek's desk briefly after the debate and I think she indicated she felt that things hadn't gone very well and I told her I thought they had, that things really had changed, that people were going to listen. And although not everyone was on the floor during the entire debate tonight, there were people back in the lounge listening and in their offices listening. I think that that debate the other night did set the tone for the compromise tonight. That's, I guess, they tell me that's significant. The last quotation is, I think it's from Leo Durocher, and he just said very simply, who'd a thunk it. I think...I think it is significant, what you're doing and what we've done, and I would urge adoption of the amendment and advancement of LB 110.