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SENATOR F. LEWIS: Well, Mr. President, just very briefly I rise to oppose the kill motion. I think it's a legitimate issue to be voted on once and for all. I also was going to rise to move previous question but there are others to speak, I will not do that.

PRESIDENT: Senator Stahmer.

SENATOR STAHMER: Well, Mr. President, and members of the Body. I would rise to support the kill motion. I would agree with Senator Nore and others who have taken the stand that we here have the best deliberate body. I think anyone can run and will run under the current circumstances. I think if the constitutional amendment were adopted and I think the people would turn it down three to one if it were ever put on the ballot. But I think we'd lose the great benefit we now have in this Body. I support Senator Warner.

PRESIDENT: Senator Barnett.

SENATOR BARNETT: Well, Mr. President and members of the Legislature. I don't know if this has been stated before. We were out at a meeting and I apologize if I repeat anything but I did have one thing that I wanted to say and it's somewhere along the lines of Senator Stahmer. I think if you senators here today would defeat the kill motion and put it on a ballot, I think that the people in the State of Nebraska would turn it down by 70% or 80%. You'd be rid of this question and this problem forever. I think that it's one of the biggest mistakes that there is to put.....

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it on the ballot at this time. There are many people that are disenchanted with party politics and I might include some state senators that are in a certain county that I know of very well where their own party tries to get people to get them to run against them and in some cases succeed. I think that you would find that at this time if you put this issue on the ballot that you'd have the people tell the parties that they definitely don't want a partisan legislature. And I think you're silly to kill it. I think what you ought to do is try to bring it up and let the people vote on it and from there on out, you wouldn't have to be faced with this problem again because this is really the wrong time to bring an issue like this before the people in this country and especially in this state and I might add especially in this county. Therefore, I would be definitely opposed to the kill motion at this time.

PRESIDENT: Are you all through discussing the issue? Senator Warner may close then. Senator Warner is now closing on his motion to indefinitely postpone LB649. Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, very brief. I'm sure every member knows how they might vote. I only want to comment on one...one thing that was said during the debate by Senator Anderson. That having it non-partisan was having it the easy way out. I'd suggest to you that as we are now, it's the most difficult way. When each of you push a button, you push it alone and you alone are responsible for how you vote. You cannot blame anybody else or you cannot give the