

the 1988 Nebraska primary congressional election." Now these are people that make it their business to know that. Senator Chambers could sue, Senator Higgins, asked me. He certainly could and I would assume that he most likely will. If he doesn't, I will guarantee somebody else will. This is not a policy issue. You should stop asking yourself these questions, is it a good Supreme Court decision? Do you agree with it? It doesn't matter. It's a Supreme Court decision. You should stop asking yourself the question, do I agree with the Attorney General's Opinion. It's not a policy issue. We shouldn't ask ourself the question, which party does it hurt most and how does it hurt them, and come up with all these...these complicating, confusing things? There aren't any good alternatives to this. I don't like the amendment any better than anybody else does, as Senator Withem said, but in the stuff I heard here I asked for alternatives and the best one I hear is wait till next year.

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR RUPP: And that's no alternative. There is no good answer to some problems and this is one that there isn't. So I just wanted to tell you that the burden is on you if you do not adopt this amendment and this thing goes wrong and there's a very good chance that it could. Next year's primary is held in legal limbo, why the burden is on you. Senator Higgins asked, could you keep a congressman from taking office? Certainly, if we have primary elections that are...that are in legal limbo and a member of the Republican Party advances to the United States Senate general election and a member of the Democratic Party, and this thing is up in the air because some court somewhere is sitting on it, remember we'll go back and look at who voted yes and who voted no on this amendment. And I frame the issue again and again because I want it very clear that the burden is on you and not on the Government Committee because we tried to put the issue before you in a concise way. I don't like it. You don't have to like it. But the wise and the prudent thing to do at this time is to adopt this amendment, advance this bill and all those that say, next year, next year, if there is something you know then you don't now, we'll come back with another bill. The alternative is not good to just sit on our hands and do nothing. I urge adoption of the amendment. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. The question is the adoption of the Rupp amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Senator Rupp, please.