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SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, the motion lost. Now, Senator Newell, do you want to take amendment number one first?

SENATOR NEWELL: Yes.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, the Clerk....

SENATOR NEWELL: Mr. President, members of the body.....

SPEAKER MARVEL: Lets read the amendment first. Mr. Clerk, do you want to read the amendment first.

CLERK: Read Newell amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, Senator Newell.

SENATOR NEWELL: Yes, Mr. President, members of the body, this basically strikes 15 lines, and I would like to read these very meritorious intrical absolutely necessary lines to you. These lines begin after governor we would have added "according to law" but instead of passing a law that sets out how this commission would be formed what we do instead is we spell it out in the Constitution of the great State of Nebraska. We say, "and shall not be subject to the approval of the Legislature" meaning the appointments. "There shall be two members appointed from each congressional district and one member shall be appointed from the citizenry at large. Members shall serve for terms of four years, except that the members first appointed one member for each congressional district shall be appointed for a term of two years. If the number of congressional district changes the governor shall within 60 days after the change appoint two members from each congressional district for staggered terms and one member from the citizenry at large. The terms of all existing members shall terminate on the day that the new members are appointed but existing members may be reappointed. The members of such commission shall receive no compensation for the performance of their duties, but may be reimbursed for their actual and necessary expenses." Mr. President and members of the body, this junk don't belong in the Constitution. It is absolutely junk. It should be done by law. It don't belong in the Constitution of the great State of Nebraska. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Hefner, do you wish to, is Senator Hefner there? Senator Kremer, do you wish to speak to the amendment? Senator DeCamp? Senator Cullan, do you wish to speak to the Newell amendment, number two? Senator Koch.