

the fact that we could...and all these proposals have come up over the last ten years to allow us more time to deal with legislation, to allow us pay increases to help us afford to be down here to work on this legislation and I guess if there is any constitutional amendments that need to be passed before we consider LB 436 it is those, the option of organizing before we start the legislative session so that we can get ourselves in place in committees and leadership roles and can get bills introduced and then we have time to look at those bills before we even start the hearing process and so the public has a chance to consider those bills before the hearing process and then the time once those hearings are held to really spend the in depth analysis that we need to on these legislative proposals, the pay that we need to take that time. All these are questions that are intertwined with the question of Final Reading and I guess if I had a choice I would want to see those kind of changes before I would want to see Final Reading eliminated. Probably the chance of this bill passing and then the chances if it does pass the people voting it in are pretty slim and that is probably not bad but my hope is that when people vote against this bill whether on this floor or in the voting booth if this does get out on the ballot this next fall, we remember what the problem is down here that this is trying to address and that is the constitutional time restraints on meetings and session and the problem of the pay down here and the time that we take to try and deal with these bills. That is the real nub of the problem. That is the real focus of this legislation I think, LB 436, and I hope that we don't forget the lesson this bill can teach us and the fact that we need more time and better financial support in order to do the job that we have been given the responsibility to carry out here. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Vickers.

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President and members, I, too, have opposed this bill and I will continue to oppose it. I think that when the vote is taken on this bill it will be clearly recognizable to the people of the State of Nebraska those of us that feel that we understand and know within a reasonable doubt exactly what every bill that comes up for Final Reading has in it, what all the amendments that have been attached are doing and that we are ready to just simply say yes or no, right there on the spot. Upon questioning I think the members of this body would many times after a vote on a Final Reading on a bill, not even be able to tell you exactly what is in that bill even with Final Reading. If we speed it up I think it is