

again one of these days because we said after so much time has elapsed, the Legislature wants to review this one more time. The Legislature created this local option and so when we created it we can also amend it and Senator Stoney knows this and I would be willing to mortgage my salary against Senator Stoney's salary, that the Attorney General is going to say the Legislature has the power to amend any of its own legislation unless it flies right into the face of the Constitution and this does not fly in the place of the Constitution, in the face of the Constitution at all but this is...I speak occasionally to groups of people on the art of diplomacy and how you persuade and dissuade legislation and I usually say when you are in doubt always ask for an Attorney General's opinion because that puts everyone sort of on their knees. God forbid, they don't want to do anything in here without an Attorney General's opinion, particularly when we need help from outside. Senator Stoney can go ahead and get his Attorney General's opinion but if he wants to make a small wager I know what the Attorney General's is going to be. The Legislature can amend its own laws as long as it is not disregarding the Constitution. Senator Stoney didn't say anything about it in here the Constitution, did he, about where in the Constitution it says that we are flying against it. He did not say one word, didn't quote you an article nor a section. And I am saying to you that we are saying that after two years of local limitations we think there should be a sunset provision regardless who suffers and I don't think that is unreasonable. If the people of Omaha again want to place it on themselves, they can. We do not take away that privilege and that great vote that turned out on that issue was 38% of the eligible voters, Senator Stoney. That is a hue and cry. Do you know what that is? That is a majority of a very small minority who went to the polls. That is really democracy at its highest level. That was not a majority. It should have been 51% of all people registered to vote. Then that would have been a resounding victory but that is not the case in that election. Check the records. I oppose Senator Stoney's amendment to strike Section 7.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Carsten.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Mr. Chairman, Mr. President and members of the Legislature I also rise in opposition to Senator Stoney, my good friend. I believe that what we are doing here is only putting into proper form the procedure that puts everybody at the same starting gate and Omaha and Nebraska City have been barred from that gate for two years and I think everybody is going to be on the same level and as Senator Koch has said, that which the Legislature gives can taketh away and I think that that is well stated and well founded. I believe that