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is official explanation when really it is an advertisement. They don't realize it. Now my question is, how do I vote to do that? Which way am I voting?

SENATOR VICKERS: Senator Lamb, I am glad to know that I finally did something that got Senator Johnson confused. If you support my position then you will vote no on this portion of the committee amendments. A red vote is a good vote in this instance from my point of view. Does that answer your question, Senator Lamb? This is the committee amendments. I am saying that on this portion of the committee amendments I don't want to adopt this portion of the committee amendments.

SENATOR LAMB: You want to reject this portion of the committee amendments.

SENATOR VICKERS: Right.

SENATOR LAMB: Okay, I understand it. I can understand that. I can understand if they tell me to vote red I can carry that out but I would just like to expand on the reasons for voting red which is supporting Senator Vickers position, is that too many people are confused by the fact that this language which appears right next to the ballot language is really an advertisement and they don't realize that. They think this is some official person in state government that knows more about it than they do and has a position which is really explaining the proposition but it is not explaining it. It is presenting a one side biased view so I urge you to vote red. Thank you.

SENATOR CLARK: Any further discussion on the Vickers first amendment? If not, Senator Vickers, do you wish to close?

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President, just to clarify it a little bit perhaps because I think maybe there is some confusion. As the committee amendments are drafted what they will do is reinstate the stricken language on pages 62 and 63 of LB 446 and it would also include a statement that the argument declaring, that the argument offered and published is not an argument made or opinion held by the state. My contention is that political advertisement, which is what this is, has no business being in the legal notices of the newspapers of the State of Nebraska. The legal notices are where the constitutional amendments are published so that people are aware what the constitutional amendment is. I don't think there is any, at least there is no doubt in my mind, that those people that are on pro or con side of the issue of a constitutional amendment will certainly buy political advertisement to have it advertised in other sections of the paper, at least they certainly did on certain