

ages. When we talk about the chains of the federal government it has happened for one reason. It is because we have had too many part-time legislatures meeting on twenty, thirty, forty days or operating on some other constraint where we can not sit down and logically come to conclusions and oftentimes work out of frustration, panic and lack of information. I cannot support this proposed legislation even though one part I do like and that is the four year program part of it and I agree with Senator Warner, oftentimes we have had bills where we have tried to state legislative intent and the Attorney General says, what is legislative intent? And we say we think it is rather clear we intend to do this for several years. Now that part of the amendment would remove that cloud of the Attorney General's refusal to accept legislative intent or express obligation but I believe if this body does not look seriously at 535 the precedent is before us. We can well be moving back to some state to what I think is an archaic system of biennial session. In fact, if I had my way this Legislature would be seeking from the people the right to operate with a greater number of days so we can do our job to a higher degree and more skillful in being able to react to things before they hit us rather than always reacting out of crises. To get back to my point about the federal government, the federal government seize power because the states and subdivisions of government allowed them to seize it because we are part-time public officials. We made errors, not of commission but errors of omission because we did not spend enough time at the business of governing. So suddenly here sits the federal government with super powers and we get on our knees and wail at the power of the muddy Potomac and that is what has happened to us and for us to take a step backwards in terms of what I think are clear obligations to meet annually, confer, consider important issues and budget is an important issue and I know it takes time in the Appropriations Committee but we all chose to come here to serve a role and I don't think we should try to make it any easier but instead we should say to the people, we need more time to sit down and think and review and research and arrive at good legislation regardless if it is appropriations or some other legislation we are dealing with. I ask us to maintain a position of an annual budgeting process and accept only the second part of this proposed constitutional amendment.

PRESIDENT: Before we go on to the next speaker the Chair would like to introduce Carroll Carsten, from North Platte, son of Senator Cal Carsten sitting with Ruth here under the south balcony. Carroll, would you stand and, Ruth, welcome to the Legislature, Carroll. Senator Kahle, do you wish to speak to the amendment to the Koch amendment?