

without a vote. They can do without a vote acting together what the individual members could not do individually. So again I don't want to take a whole lot of time with it. That is the substance of the amendment. I don't think that it would inhibit the functioning of this new agency. I think it is a reasonable amendment and I think that it effectuates all the benefits that we want out of 132 without the detriment of taking away in many instances the right to vote from the people. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator DeCamp. Senator Kremer.

SENATOR KREMER: I don't know whether to thank you or not, John. But again I oppose the proposed amendment on the principle that all the work that has gone into it and we are where we are now and we ought to proceed. Secondly, I would like to say this, I certainly do stand firm on giving the people the right to vote in many instances, however, sometimes I wonder if we are not gradually swinging from the fact that we are a republic and it's government of the people through elected officials. We swing too far the other way, we get away from that principle and certainly elected officials do have a responsibility. When they do not carry out that responsibility, they deserve not to be reelected. And here again I am not contrary to Senator Beutler's principle that people ought to have a right to vote. However, there comes a line that we need to watch less we cross it and swing too far the other way, and this has happened in the past and it has caused us some real problems. As an elected official of the State of Nebraska, a member of this Legislature, I am willing to assume my responsibility, and when I do wrong, my people are going to write to never bring me back again. The same way with a school board or any kind of a local elected official. And I think we are going too far here. I oppose the Beutler amendment. Senator Beutler is my friend and I appreciate what he tries to do and he is successful in doing it many, many times. He puts a lot of hard work into a bill, and it was tough to oppose the first amendment because it was technical in nature. However, again we have a bill that we can use and we can use the year of experience to see how these things go and then address them at another session. I oppose the amendment on the basis that here we have a bill that has been worked on for years and years, worked hard and intensively by all involved and I think we have got something that has been agreed upon generally and the Legislature ought to support it by passing LB 132 this morning on Final Reading.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Remmers, do you wish to speak on this motion?