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SENATOR CLARK: Fine.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Now I am talking about the amendment.

SENATOR CLARK: All right.

CLERK: Yes, Mr. President, I have an amendment offered by Senators Haberman and Newell. It is request #2380.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Now, all right.

SENATOR CLARK: Now you are on the subject.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Fine, now you can start my time. The opposition were the following people: the Secretary of State, the Lancaster County Election Commissioner, the Douglas County Election Commissioner, the Nebraska Association of County Officials, Nebraska State Republican Party, the Seward County Clerk and the Democrat State Party. So you got the Republicans and the Democrats, believe me, on the same side. They do not want the bill. In favor of the bill was Senator Koch and Herb Schimek. Speaking against the bill, by the way, was DiAnna Schimek. This is going to cost the counties over a million dollars. It would have cost the counties over a million dollars if we do not accept these amendments and quite frankly, they do not have the money to have a chance to change the primary from May to September. My constituents have not said anything to me. They have not complained once about the length of campaigning and how can a person like myself cover twenty-three towns, twenty-three schools, nine counties, nine county fairs, three hundred and fifty miles from one end of the district to the other and meet the public in person in two months? You can't do it. We do not have people go to door to door for us when we campaign. Our constituents want to see us and talk to us. We are to be in the county fair parade, we are to be at the free barbecue, we are to hand out literature and stand there so they can either pat us on the back or kick us in the rump. It is their privilege, whichever they want to do and we cannot do this in two months. So I strongly suggest that you support the amendments and Senator Newell will give you an explanation of exactly what they do and I would like to also add at this time, the amendments came out of the...the amendments as bill...359 which came out of the committee and is hung up. So that is what we are trying to do is substitute that bill as these amendments for this bill. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Hoagland. Yes, what is your point?

SENATOR LAMB: Well, I would like a ruling from the Chair as to whether or not the amendment is germane to the bill.