

Final Reading and this is unprecedented in terms of what the proponents of this measure have tried to do so far. So far, at least they have tried to do it on Select File where there is a chance to really look at the amendment and try to amend it and get it into some kind of shape before we pass it into law. But now we are asking to amend something on Final Reading. There is going to be one shot at it. They will have to be individual shots to return for specific amendment, very, very poor legislative process, to say the least. But that is not the main point I want to make. The main point that I want to make is to read a part of Section 14 of the Constitution of the State of Nebraska to you. "No vote upon the passage of any bill shall be taken, however, until five legislative days after its introduction or until it has been on file for final reading and passage for at least one legislative day. No vote upon the final passage of any bill shall have been taken until five legislative days after its introduction." It is my firm opinion that if you gut 472 and ~~it is an entirely new bill~~, it will not have been in the legislative process for five days and it is, therefore, unconstitutional. So not only are you flagrantly violating the process of the Legislature, but you are also flagrantly violating the Constitution of the State of Nebraska and I think that is all there is to it.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Kremer and then Senator Marsh.

SENATOR KREMER: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I don't think any of us like what is going on, the method that we are using, and we very seldom use it. We have in the past. I think we ought to be thinking, what we ought to be thinking about is the objective. Why is it necessary to follow the route that we are following now? We are making a hard choice. Unless something gets done, I think all of us in Nebraska are aware we are heading for a very sticky situation. Now if we can just waylay that for a little while, the Education Committee or whatever committee will have a look at this whole situation and I think this Legislature will then have the opportunity to do that which is best and which is right, whatever it may be. So I am talking about the objective that we are trying to accomplish, not the way we are getting there. We are operating improper, good or bad, precedence or no precedence. We are just going to have to lay some of those things aside and say, what is our objective here and what is the best for this state and all the people involved in this issue that is difficult? Therefore, I speak in support of what we are trying to do. It may not be the best route but I see no other alternative. Thank you.