

because of the situation that's been explained that I went through. Last year, as you remember, I gave this heart-wrenching, tearful good-bye, how it's been great working with you, but I've got to run for something else. And I got a plaque for it even, so... (laughter). But I must tell you it is interesting and almost ironic that three of the members of this body chose to run for the third Congressional District, two of them, Sandy Scofield and Bill Barrett, were in midterm. And I was, unfortunately, at that point where I was up for... had to make a decision whether to run for reelection in my legislative district, or run for Congress. I made the choice to run for Congress. Interestingly enough, I'm the only one back. Sandy and Bill are both gone now, but it's kind of strange how that worked out. (Laughter.) But nonetheless... yeah, that's true. Nonetheless, on a serious side, I remember as I was campaigning, after the primary was over and I'd lost and I was running for reelection here, I had, in fact, a couple of the candidates, or at least one of the candidates I was running against in the legislative race say to me, I would never have run for the legislature if I'd known you were going to run for reelection in your legislative seat. That was not to say I was trying to get this gentleman to drop out of the race, but it was evident that he felt somewhat in between, because he was... he was not trying to oppose me nearly as much as he thought it was an open seat, he might as well run for it, and it added some confusion and complication to the situation that I had to go through this last reelection. But, you know, I don't see any difference between giving an individual the chance to run for reelection, or run for another seat when I'm in midterm, as it is when I'm running for reelection during my election cycle. But, you know, we're all ambitious people, and I think a lot of us hope that the time comes when we can run for other offices. But this will allow that opportunity to present itself more than every four years, or whenever your election cycle happens to work out. I support the amendment. I don't... I guess I realize there's some philosophical differences of whether we should be taking it up at this point, and I tend to agree with that. But I like what Senator Coordsen is proposing here.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Johnson. I'll now recognize Senator Coordsen.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Madam President. Members of the body, for those of you that are interested in this issue, there is one section of... or two sections actually of LB 20 that I