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Senator Withem, have made very good points. It just doesn't seem proper to me that a person can pick and choose which office he is going to get elected to, or which office he'll accept if he files for perhaps a multitude of races. I guess it could only be two. Most of all, I think this is a major change in public policy. And, really, I think the most important factor to me is that it deserves a public hearing. This has not been discussed even in this body extensively this year. Evidently, it was discussed in the Government Committee last year. But I think that this ought to be something for statewide discussion, statewide concern. I think LB 20, in its present form, satisfies the immediate problem that we have, and that this...a more far-reaching decision should be discussed via a bill, via a public hearing, not just simply in one hour of floor discussion this morning about making quite a major change. I can remember being quite peeved, and I have discussed with other people the fact that Senator Lyndon B. Johnson, excuse me, Lloyd Benson was allowed to run for his Senate seat in Texas as well as simultaneously run for Vice President of the United States. It did not seem right to me at that time, it still does not seem right to me today. And it does not really seem right for Nebraskans to adopt this policy either.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. We'll now go to Senator Abboud.

SENATOR ABBOD: Question.

SPEAKER BAACK: Question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do. We will now proceed to a vote on ceasing debate. All those in favor of ceasing debate vote aye, opposed vote no. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 28 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BAACK: Debate has ceased. Senator Coordsen, do you wish to close on your amendment? Senator Coordsen waves closing. We will now proceed to vote on the amendment to LB 20. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no.

PRESIDENT MOUL PRESIDING

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SENATOR COORDSEN: Could we have everyone check in, Madam