

whether you really want our president responsible to local parochial views over the long term of a term of office. Do we really want simply another president that is an extension of a Congress? Potentially, this could throw the elections into the House or Congress more often and ultimately the Congress could have more impact on the election of a presidency there too. I really won't be able to touch the tip of the iceberg so to speak on the impact that this will have, but I simply wanted to call your attention and I think everyone should be more cognizant of really what this really potentially does. It does have some pluses, but I also think it has many minuses that at this stage outweigh the value of going to a district plan. By the way, the electoral college has been analyzed and discussed for nearly a couple hundred years as we've entertained this in the United States to try to find a way to get away from a direct vote so it's not new that we tinker with this mechanism. And I just think that it ought to be considered much, much more seriously than we have done here on the floor. I assume the committee analyzed it front, backwards and upside down, but I don't still feel that most of you understand the long-term impact that this going to have on potentially in the election of our president of the United States. And for that basis, on that basis, I would like to consider bracketing this until next January after the results of a summer study could be done, after more education could be done on it not only in the state, but on the public...at this level to really understand what it is doing and if that's really the way you want to go, if that's really the type of president that you want down the road, someone that simply might potentially could be simply an extension of another congressman that might be more responsible to more local interests because that would be in his best stead or do you want a president that is actually going to have to cope with a national interest and listen to a national interest even though it may not always agree with us, say, in the Midwest. But it definitely changes the constituency of the presidency. It definitely will make them more cognizant of what is going on. It probably will give a homogeneous district more power and give a heterogeneous district less power because there may or may not be more competition within districts between the one and two-party system. The way the vote is on this, evidently many look at this as a more partisan issue than I'm inclined to look at it, but I just simply at this point will stop and listen to the debate a little more if there is any, but I simply ask you to reflect a little bit of what we're really doing as we do this and not look just at 1990s or the year 2000, but potentially for