

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Crosby.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members, I, too, am going to support the bracket motion for a couple of reasons. I thank Senator Wehrbein for bringing it. There were only three people who testified for this bill. Now I'm not...I mean, that happens on a lot of bills. It isn't necessarily a bad thing, but I do think it would be...the study idea appeals to me greatly because I think it would be really good to spend the time in the interim studying and allowing people from both parties or other political parties to come in and be a part of that study along with the average voter, some people who might not be involved politically but would have some feelings on the electoral college. When you talk about our history in Nebraska on elections and presidential elections, I've been in a few and I remember this all-star primary in 1948. You see, Nebraska did have a history, the all-star primary was unique at the time. And I'd like to remind you who won the Republican all-star primary in 1948, Harold Stassen. So I'm not sure that that was such a tremendous idea when we started it because really a rather weak candidate won because he happened to have a man in charge of his campaign who knew how to manage and run a campaign and that's why he won. A columnist in Lincoln won a Pulitzer prize for stories and articles that he had written about the all-star primary. Also, concerning the Unicameral, yes, Senator Norris was a pioneer in the one-house Legislature, but he didn't do that very quickly. He worked at that for several years and he had the man from the university whose name I can't bring up right now, that's terrible but I can't think of it, who went all over the state and visited and talked and gave speeches, and so on, so everyone understood at the time what the Unicameral was about and in many ways in 1937 every time I look back at that I just can't...it's really an education for all of us to think that during the middle of the Depression when people were trying to survive Nebraskans went out and voted for that one-house Legislature, but it wasn't before a lot of study and a lot of education among voters. So that's why I would go for and I will vote for the bracket motion because, as I said when we were on General File, I don't think it's all a bad idea. I just would like to have a little more study of it and, thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Crosby. Senator Withem.

SENATOR WITHEM: I call the question.