

bill. Senator, you printed your amendment last year, AM0904.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President and members of the body, the law says that constitutional amendments and referendums will be printed in every newspaper in the State of Nebraska three times. In 1990, that cost us \$850,000. This is the amount the state paid to the news media association to print the amendments and the Constitution and referendums. This amendment cuts it from three printings to two printings. If this would have been in 1990, we would have saved \$283,000 and, to me, it's going to be in the future, we're going to have more constitutional amendments, more referendums and printing them two times is a great plenty, so I would ask that you adopt the amendment to change the statute to print it two times instead of three times. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Haberman. Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I pushed my button slowly on the assumption there were several pushed. If I understand, the proposed amendment is to reduce the number of times we're printing constitutional amendments. On the surface, it sounds desirable. On the other side, it occurs to me if there is anything that we do not want to put ourselves in the position of failure to provide information to citizens of an election, and while I would agree at times that the fine print is hard to read and those kind of complaints nevertheless in order to at least increase the probability of citizens having a chance to read and understand a constitutional amendment, I think three times is not too often to print. So I would oppose the amendment.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Warner. Senator Haberman, did you wish to speak further on this?

SENATOR HABERMAN: If there are no other speakers, I will close.

SPEAKER BAACK: There are no other speakers. You may close, Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President and members of the body, to answer Senator Warner, if the citizens are interested, the first time you print it in the paper you get their attention. The