

time, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Coordsen.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body. LB 946 is a relatively simple bill that might be a little bit hard to understand. The Pages are circulating two sections of the Constitution on the floor at this time that we might be able to walk through to help understand the intent of LB 946. LB 946 came about because of some questions on the effective date of the legislative redistricting bill that we passed in last session. It appeared to a number of people that there was some conflict between the operative date of January 6, 1993 and language in the Constitution. What LB 946 does is establish an effective date of the act, which in this particular case would be of this act, and then it mirrors, in statute, the language that is...is in Article III, Section 7 of the Constitution. The problem that exists in Nebraska in the minds of quite a few people is when exactly does a legislative district come into being when the Legislature is redistricted. You'll see, in the second page of the handout, when the Legislature is redistricted the members elected prior to the redistricting shall continue in office, and the law providing for such redistricting shall, where necessary, special...specify the newly established district which they shall represent for the balance of their term. And this is somewhat contrary to the language of the bill in that it indicates that the legislative redistricting comes into play at some time other than the end of a term. At the time that the Legislature moved from the two-year term to the four-year term, and staggered the elections, the language that was created in statute to effect that type of maneuver, but it causes a lot of concern because of assumptions that must be made that give question...give a...bring question to the provisions to be a candidate for Legislature, and in fact they...a legal elector...a legally elected member, if you are successful because of the provisions in Section 3, Article VIII, which say that you have resided in the district, among other qualifications, resided within the district from which is elected for the term of one year, next before his election. So it becomes an issue of when do the legislative districts come into being. With the provisions that are in '946, the action would become effective...the districts would become effective on the effective date of the act, which would be 90 days after passage, under the ordinary set of circumstances. And then it brings into statute the basically mirror language out of the