

repeatedly on this floor and across the State of Nebraska that the railroads would litigate, the railroads would win, and I was repeatedly treated like I was Worf, the Klingon, or something like that, just coming out of nowhere in outer space, that the railroads are...I am speaking out of the top of my head. And that was an absurd allegation and an absurd threat, never going to happen. So we finally passed this bill under the major premises to pass the bill as it would get the railroads to continue to pay tax, and to pay their fair share of tax, I may add. After you pass the bill, oh, no, they do threaten to litigate, as I predicted, and when they immediately say that, all the defenders, I am not including...you know, Senator Warner is not the person that continued to ridicule me whenever I said that. I will give him...he wasn't the person. There are others behind the glass and around the state that I guess I am talking to when I say that. All of a sudden when the railroads did threaten to litigate, they worked out something. Maybe it was a serious threat after all. And as I have tried to...one of things I've tried to do throughout the debate for months is at least I have never once encouraged anybody to vote against that constitutional amendment. I continue to say I personally am opposed to it. I think you need to make an educated decision. One thing I will not allow to let the other side get the upper hand, I think, in telling something other than the total, total truth of what the options are to people. That is what I am mad about. That is what I continue to be frustrated about. As far as drafting amendments, probably the only frivolous amendment I ever drafted was the one that said we ought to appropriate a million dollars to defend this thing because of the railroads. And that really didn't work, but, in some way, I'd rather spend a million dollars litigating it than give them millions of dollars here year-round and the state will still be litigating it. I would rather spend that million dollars litigating it than what this amendment, the Warner amendment tries to do, I think that probably makes a little more sense. But as far as my amendment, this whole thing, I think Senator Wickersham is absolutely right. I mean, if you are going to go the Warner amendment route, you'd better buy the whole section of land because I don't think you can just buy a forty of it. If you are going to do it, you need to buy the whole section. The whole section is all public utilities, all centrally assessed. You can certainly make the argument that the constitutional amendment which is pending talks about, you know, federal law superseding things but, nevertheless, you know, there is certainly, as I have stated before, I mean, the State Supreme