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some of the things that concern me.

SENATOR LAMB: Thank you, Senator Robinson. One of your premises may very well be false and that is that LR 1 will pass in 60 days by the people of Nebraska. See I am not at all sure that will happen, in the first place. And then your hypothesis goes down the drain. I think there is a much better chance to get a constitutional amendment passed after we have done some more work on it, done some more work next session. I don't see this being a real problem. LB 829 is still in effect, still good law, and it will be until somebody says otherwise. They have not said that. So I just don't see the big crisis. At this point, we have got LR 1, which now, in my opinion, is seriously flawed with the 30 vote requirement. That is certainly enough to tip me over the other way, and I will have to admit I had some reservations to begin with about having an election this soon and putting all our eggs in that basket at such an early date. But, certainly, the present shape of LR 10 or LR 1 is enough for me to be off of it. I don't think it is good for the State of Nebraska. I don't think it is necessary. I think this whole situation is something that can be taken care of next session with 829 still being in effect, and those are, basically, my reasons for opposing LR 1 at this point.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Lamb. Senator Coordsen.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Madam President and members of the body. I have what might seem to be a silly question of Senator Hall in a minute or two, but I would, and the question, Senator Hall, will be in regard to what might be considered an impossible happenstance. But LB 6, which we are not addressing at this time but is considered concurrently with LB 1 (sic) provides consistently throughout the language that if a constitutional amendment amending Article VIII of the Constitution is adopted in 1991, and that is a phrase that is used throughout 6 and then that affects the provisions of 6, what happens if LR 1 and LB 6 are advanced on Select File this evening yet and they come up for a vote Friday, which is, I think, at least an anticipation, and LB 6 comes up first on the agenda and it passes; and LR 1 comes up second and fails to pass, my question then that will the LB 6, in fact, be law, although there will never be a constitutional amendment presenting that to the voters? What your language says that if a constitutional amendment is adopted, what if it is never presented to the voters and what is left if, and this is a