

addressed in this proposal as well, but do you know what it is? It is a dry run. Before you shoot the shuttle off and it goes up a mile and a half and blows up, you test it, and, frankly, that is what this is. It is a test. You run it by the people just to get a feeling of where they are at and ask them for two years, 18 months to deal with this issue. Yeah, it costs \$600,000, and those who don't want to vote for this will find any excuse under the sun, just like any other amendment that has been up here, to vote against it. It does allow us the time we need to address this. And the other thing it does is it allows us to find out where the Governor is at on the tax issues, what recommendations he will make to this body and to the state. Before you do that, Governor, if this proposal is adopted and we get 40 votes and we are able to get home in time to enjoy the weekend, Governor, go back and read the speeches that you gave in the campaign, go back and sit down in front of the TV and put the tape on the VCR and watch the television commercials, and then decide what your tax policy is going to be for this state, where you would lead us, what you would have us do; and then let's sit down and talk, one branch of government to the other, not having to worry about what the court may or may not do, not having to worry about if we are going to have to be dictated our tax policy by the courts because we won't. This will prevent that. It won't happen, ladies and gentlemen, it won't happen. We will be free to deal with it in the time frame that makes sense, a regular session to address it, 30 votes to put the issue on the ballot, a regular election, a general election in November, and a presidential election when the most number of Nebraskans will go out, be informed of the issue, and vote accordingly. Do you think that won't be a hot topic next summer during the county fairs on the election circuit? They will be more interested in that than who is running for Congress, frankly, and they will talk about it more. They will have time to address what we have done after 60 days next year. Yeah, it buys time, and I am sure the editorial writers will say, well, they left Lincoln and they didn't do a damn thing. Well, frankly, you know, I don't care what the editorial writers say, and that is not evident. I mean you have got one paper that has the highest circulation in the state, otherwise known as, you know, the only Thrifty Nickel to have an editorial page and Calvin and Hobbes, as well. Do I care what they say? No, I don't because they don't understand the issue. They don't understand the issue. They have been probably the most guilty, the most guilty of misinformation, as Senator Warner stated this morning, that has been floating around throughout this debate.