

could take place. And the Legislature is going to find itself taking the best scenario that we can accomplish the constitutional dilemma that...to solve that constitutional dilemma we're in. And I suggest that the first two may be the most difficult. The one that may be the best legal chance would be an even number, at this particular point, and that plan is not before us at this particular time. I also want to mention that whatever we do, we have to keep in mind the fairness of the election process in Nebraska. And I know it sounds kind of corny to talk about it, but when you think about the election process, that probably is the root of our entire system, going back to the beginning foundation of our country. And if we begin setting up a process by which court case after court case makes the election process seem to be a sham, that would probably be, in the long run, the most dangerous thing any Legislature could do to its own self and to its own people, and that would be to take away the credibility of a proper election process. And I think that when you have elections, and then you say, we've changed our mind now, we're going to take those certificates of election away and, oh by the way, we got now a plan that three senators have agreed to that, yeah, they've got some political judgments there, too, I think we're starting to run into some rough, rough roads ahead, and we don't need to do that.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Bernard-Stevens. Senator Hefner.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President and members of the body, I'd like to talk a little bit more on the committee amendments to LB 7. I know that the committee has worked long and hard, in fact, committee hearing, I believe, it was on Tuesday, it went for seven or eight hours. And the committee, after meeting in Exec Session for many hours, finally came up with this committee amendment. And like I told you before, I'm opposed to this. I could see, after I studied the Supreme Court decision on Madison County, I could see no time frame in it when we had to do this. I realize the Legislature has to make Madison County whole, but there was no time frame. In fact, it was hard for many to interpret that decision, so our Attorney General appeared before the district court, Lancaster District Court, and even in that information that they gave us, I still didn't see any time frame. So, I believe we have a little time, time frame. And so what I'm recommending here is that we do nothing. Somebody mentioned that LB 7, as amended with the committee amendments,