

Committee, for example, this year. We have a constitutional amendment in there to change the number of years for some bonded indebtedness, and that you're going to go from, I think it's 10 years to 15 years. There's no reason that that stuff is in the constitution, other than it was placed in there as a matter of convenience. We look at things like the Equal Protection Clause of the Nebraska Constitution, the Due Process Clause, those sorts of things are interpreted by using a variety of other court rulings, and quite frankly they really have to stretch once in a while to get those concepts. What I think a number of people have decided to do is say, look, it's time for us to have the review commission look at our constitution, to make the recommendations. It's going to take them two years, they're going to come back here and make the report to us and say, look, we could better rewrite our constitution, streamline it, perhaps bring it up-to-date and take out some of the excess verbiage and some of the old, confusing language. We still have language in here that requires the advice and consent of the senate to confirm certain individuals. Obviously, we haven't had a senate here since 19...well, 1937 was when we first had the Unicameral. So it's been a number of years since those sorts of things have been done. Has Nebraska done this before? Yes, we've done it before. In the past, in 1970 there was a report made to this state, a little Hoover commission type of event, and what they concluded was that a great deal of wisdom was placed into the basis and the fundamental writing of our state constitution, but that as society rapidly changes that we needed to make some changes with it, we need to allow flexibility. Their question, of course, was how best to do that. They presented certain things to the Legislature, the Legislature saw fit to put them on the ballot in 1970, and that's really the last look. What my hope is, is that we need to start in the year of 1995 to make sure we have this done by the year of 2000. If you figure that it's going to take two years, that they'll make the recommendations to us during the year of 1997, give us a year to debate it on the floor,...

SENATOR HALL PRESIDING

SENATOR HALL: One minute.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: ...it won't be put into place until 1998, that's when the election would take place with the voters. Generally, those things may require some implementing language that would be done in the session of '99, and so by the year