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mass outcry and a support for it, there would have to be a bill introduced to continue the new way. That's the nature of the amendment. I think it is reasonable. I'd urge its adoption.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Bernard-Stevens. Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, Madam President, and members of the body, I rise reluctantly to support the Bernard-Stevens amendment. Senator Kristensen already mentioned this morning about scrapping the experiment and I would submit to you that there really hasn't been much of an experiment yet. We haven't had many circumstances in which to test the experiment. We've only had one election since this law was passed. I don't really understand the need to go back in and redo the system at this point, particularly since nothing really happened last time. All five electoral votes for Nebraska did go for one candidate, so I don't know what the hurry is. Now Senator Kristensen also said the other day that, you know, he probably really had no need to support this amendment because probably...or maybe it was Senator Bernard-Stevens said, because Senator Kristensen probably has the votes for this. Maybe he does. Maybe they will all be here today. Maybe the Governor will sign the bill. Maybe we won't come back again next year and have the same argument all over again, and maybe it won't still be a close vote. Maybe it won't be a close vote the next year, and maybe we won't have this debate year after year after year. But, somehow, I suspect we may have all of those things happen, and so I would just say to you today, as I look around the floor and as I listen to what is going on around the floor, not many people are really listening to the debate. They are weary of it. They are tired of it. I'm kind of tired of it myself, and I would just suggest to you that this amendment might be a compromise. We might let the system stay in place. We might put off the debate until the year 2006, although I don't suppose that is even guaranteed if we did put this amendment on. So I guess I am asking...I am asking you, as a way out of this, maybe to consider supporting this amendment, and then with that, perhaps we could all support the bill and move on to other business. With that, thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Schimek. Senator Janssen.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Madam President, members, I do, I am going to support Bernard-Stevens' amendment. I would...I would just as