

under the current experiment, and then going back to the way that I think LB 65 envisions to do that. Thank you, Madam President.

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

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, Madam President, members of the body, perhaps, perhaps Senator Kristensen has given us something to think about. I guess the interesting thing about this discussion is that it mirrors, in some ways, the discussion that was held originally in 1787 because their method of selecting a President was the subject of a lengthy debate in the Constitutional Convention. Several plans were proposed and rejected before a compromise solution, which was modified only slightly in later years, was adopted. Unable to agree on a plan, the convention on August 31st appointed a committee of eleven, maybe that is what we need, a committee of eleven, to propose a solution to the problem. The committee on September 4th suggested a compromise under which each state would appoint presidential electors equal to the total number of its representatives and senators. The electors chosen in a manner set forth by each state's Legislature would meet in their own state and each cast votes for two persons. And as we know, that system has had some minor changes since that time. Originally, the candidate receiving the most votes became President and the second highest candidate became Vice President, and history tells us that that didn't work for very long and that was changed. It is up to the states. The Congress has given the states latitude in determining how our electors are selected. I think that, contrary to what Senator Kristensen just mentioned, that the system did work in 1994. I'd like to have it have a chance to work again. I don't think one more election is enough opportunity to test the system. I like the Bernard-Stevens amendment but maybe what we do is find some middle ground here and go with two elections down the road which would take us to the year 2002. I don't know but I sense that the body is becoming weary of the debate, and that there might be a way that we could bring this to a close. So with that I don't really want to prolong the debate. I don't want to take all my five minutes even. Senator Bernard-Stevens, do you wish to use the rest of my time? Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Schimek. Is there any further discussion on the Bernard-Stevens amendment. Senator