

Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Just a quick comment. Senator Kristensen made a good offer, a good faith offer, but in Senator Kristensen's form, he is asking me to take two steps back to his one step forward, but what I would like to ask here, I would like to get to a vote on this particular amendment, or if...at least if there is some feeling maybe there is some middle ground, but I would shoot a counteroffer back to Senator Kristensen. Where I would like to have four total elections, this amendment has just three other ones, Senator Kristensen has offered to agree to one. I would be willing to go back and agree simply to two, to do it that way. I can tell when I am being beaten to a pulp and there is times to compromise too. If Senator Kristensen would be willing to do two, we can cut that one right now. And I am looking to Senator Kristensen with a thumb up or a thumb down for the most part, and he is passing at this particular point. Members of the body, I think this will be the last light, then I will close. The Hastings Tribune, well, I will just go ahead and save this for closing and I wanted to ask Senator Kristensen if he would be willing to go two, and he was not at this point, so we will just get to a vote on the amendment and move on.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Bernard-Stevens. Is there any further discussion on the Senator Bernard-Stevens amendment? Seeing none, Senator, do you wish to close?

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Members of the body, if I can have just one last time on this, the intention of what the amendment does. The Hastings Tribune, which is not noted for its liberalness on its editorial page, had an interesting article the last...not too long ago, in fact, just within the last couple of weeks, and it said the following, and if the members could kind of listen to this particular point, it does make a lot of sense. It says the state that gave America its only Unicameral Legislature appears to have lost at least some of its appetite for political innovation. This year Nebraska probably will repeal, and hopefully not, but probably will repeal the law that divides the state's Electoral College votes by Congressional Districts. Over the years, and this is the interesting point, over the years, many politicians and political scientists have complained about the present Electoral College system because the winner take all feature is not an accurate reflection of the relative strength of candidates in