

the way to do business. And I don't think we'll do ourselves any good by taking that approach. We don't have to...you don't have to be a rocket scientist to understand that there is a big concern out there and that we need to do something, we need to do it this session. We need to get something on the table this session, and that's the answer. We do something like this, and I'm going to tell you that if we have a...if we have a confidence range out there of one to ten, and if that confidence range is five now, it will drop to two or three, because it will just be viewed as another...as another stall tactic on our part, as another effort on our part to put an obstacle in front of those that think we need a change. I submit we need to participate in the process of creating change. And if there's a constitutional amendment that's needed, let's draft it, let's put it out there, let's not wait until somebody gets 90,000 signatures and then decide that we should do something. That's an awful lot of effort on somebody's part. And then to say that eight members or whatever of the Legislature can act within five days to delay the vote for a year, that is not acceptable.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR BROMM: That's not acceptable to me as a legislator. It won't be acceptable to me as a citizen. It won't be acceptable to the general public. I urge the body...I understand where Senator Beutler is coming from, but I urge the body to defeat the amendment. And furthermore if there is this perception of a problem, let's deal with the problem, let's take the initiative ourselves and get something done, then we won't have to...we won't have to create amendments and constitutional amendments like this. Thank you, colleagues.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Bromm. We have several guests here today. We have 28 Japanese students from the Creighton International Exchange in the north balcony with their sponsor. Would you all please stand and be recognized. Welcome to Nebraska. Senator Beutler, your light is next, followed by Senators Schimek and Vrtiska.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Madam Lieutenant Governor, members of the Legislature, I appreciate all the arguments that have been made, certainly they are all considerations. And I'd be the first to admit that I'm working against what we know as good timing in this Legislature. Probably this idea is premature. But I have no doubt in my mind that as time passes, as the number of ballot