

statute, if we blunder into putting something into the statute which ought not be there, can be changed. We can do it. If we put something in the constitution which it turns out, upon deeper reflection, ought not be there, the only way that can be changed is by further amending the constitution. That would mean the Legislature would submit a proposal to the public, or a petition would get the ballot issue before the public. This should not be done. I'm not saying that I don't understand what Senator Dierks is driving at, but I don't see that the language he is offering is necessary, I don't see it doing that, but I see it creating the types of problems that Senator Kristensen touched on. And if you read court cases where the judges are telling how constitutions are construed, you would become more careful, I think, in selecting language to put into the constitution. Senator Dierks, when I was speaking earlier nothing that I said was a challenge to you, other than to say that when you spoke again I hoped you would give a clearer, more precise explanation...

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...of exactly what in the amendments before us would repeal initiative and referendum and how this would serve some positive purpose. That's what I was saying. And I had started by saying my intent is not to bludgeon you and I don't think I did that in any of my remarks, but I am trying to bludgeon this amendment. I hope we will not vote to adopt it, or if it is adopted I hope LR 6CA is defeated.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Lynch.

SENATOR LYNCH: Mr. Speaker and members, I haven't talked on this issue and I won't say much now, except that the older I get the more concerned I am with people who want to continually change the constitution. If I had my druthers I'd like to see an amendment that would say, leave it alone for 50 years, give it a chance to work. I think the people that put our constitution together, not only in this state but in the country and for the country, did a pretty good job, it's worked very well. And if there's any kind of danger that this country has to face from inside it's from do-gooders who want to make something happen that they shouldn't have the right to do. And in a way that's what these kinds of petition drives do. And it's a spur of the moment thing, at the moment they don't like something so they get a petition. And now they can hire people