

The question is the adoption of the Chambers' amendment to LB 19A. All in favor vote aye, opposed no. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 32 ayes, 0 nays, Madam President, on adoption of the Select File amendment.

SENATOR CROSBY: The amendment is adopted. Senator Maurstad.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Madam President, I move to advance LB 19AE to E & R for engrossing.

SENATOR CROSBY: You've heard the motion to advance LB 19AE to E & R for engrossing. All in favor say aye. Opposed no. It is advanced. Mr. Clerk, LB 65.

CLERK: Madam President. Senator Withem would move to return LB 65 to Select File for specific amendment. The amendment is on page 1285 of the Legislative Journal.

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Withem.

SPEAKER WITHEM: I'm somewhat tempted to just yield to Senator Chambers to explain this amendment, but I think I'll stay away from doing that. First of all, LB 65 is Senator Kristensen's bill that would return the electoral college system to the way it had been prior to a bill that Senator Schimek had sponsored and shepherded through the legislative process. We've been through one election cycle with the system where Nebraska's electoral votes would not necessarily all go to the winner of the statewide vote, but they could have been divided and could be divided based on congressional district victories. The lines are drawn pretty solidly on that policy issue. It's a close vote, it's one that probably...the bill wouldn't be on Final Reading today if it weren't likely that the bill will pass. My amendment is not designed to either make it easier for that bill to pass or more difficult for that bill to pass. It deals with a different policy issue that is considered in LB 65. And I'm real pleased to see Senator Kristensen has made it on the floor here, so he can respond to this. One of the other changes that we made in the electoral college system for Nebraska when we passed Senator Schimek's bill was we put into statute the requirement that the electors that cast votes for Nebraska will in fact cast those votes consistent with the popular vote. There have been times in our nations history, at least originally, originally when the electoral college was set up the