

electors were deemed to be, I think, independent agents. But that the private individual was not deemed necessarily intelligent enough to make the decision and that the electors were in fact those that would exercise their independence judgment. Within the twentieth century by and large electors cast their votes consistent with the way the state voted in the popular vote. However, prior to the bill that Senator Schimek shepherded through the Legislature, that was not a requirement in Nebraska. And there have been cases in the twentieth century when electors have been chosen, through their state process and they have not voted the popular will of the state. One example I can think of is the 1964 election when the democratic candidate, Lyndon Baines Johnson, carried a number of the southern states, democratic electors were then chosen and a number of those cast their votes for George Wallace as opposed to casting their votes for President Johnson. It did not impact on the final outcome of the election, but it was conceivably a problem. Conceivably in Nebraska that could happen again today. Somebody gets chosen as a Republican elector, the Republican presidential candidate carries the state and the Republican elector chooses to vote for Ross Perot, as an example, as opposed to the Republican nominee. So it is in fact possible that that would happen. What my amendment does is it simply returns that language to the bill so that if 65 passes and if we will return to the system of choosing our electors on a popular basis for all five will cast...all five electors will be chosen based on how well their party does in the general election, that those electors will be bound to cast his or her vote ballot for the presidential, vice presidential candida...who received the highest number of votes in the statewide election for their respective offices. As far as the impact on the bill, I'll be very up front and I think Senator Kristensen knows this, this is not an amendment that will buy my support to LB 65. And I assume that when we come up to the final vote we'll probably continue to have those policy differences on the underlying issue. It is not, I visited with Senator Kristensen and I think he realizes that it's not my intent to procedurally use this motion though to impede the passage of the bill. I will be voting, for instance, I did not vote to advance this bill to Select File initially. I will be voting to return this bill to Select File. I will not be using the parliamentary trick of attempting to hold the bill on Select File. As a matter of fact I would urge others, because Senator Kristensen has been willing to allow this change to take place, to likewise at least give the courtesy of getting the bill back to where it is today.