

Senator Bernard-Stevens, you will be voting for this on Select File. And I suppose that's a strange enough gift I ought to accept that. So I will do so. Actually, this is not a bad public policy amendment, it's never happened that you've had unfaithful electors. And the issue really is let's say that the state in its wisdom votes for George Bush and that its electors then, because they're not bound by any law, go off and four of them decide to vote for George Bush, but one of them really liked Senator Vrtiska, and so they decided to vote and cast that one vote, the electoral college vote for Senator Vrtiska. Legally, can that happen? Yes, and there's nothing you can do about that. With this amendment there are many other states who have adopted amendments like this and it's called the unfaithful elector amendment and it's probably not bad public policy. I've just never been able to have the ability to get the position to put that in the bill. Had I had that opportunity earlier, I probably would have done so. But at this point in time I would support the return to Select File. I do appreciate the up-frontedness and abilities to say, look, we may not like a bill and we may vote against it, but we're not going to beat it on some other grounds or be able to play some games with it. And to that extent I appreciate that. And I do, at this point, support the return to Select File, the adoption of the amendment and readvancing it today. Thank you.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Kristensen. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President, members of the Legislature, I'd like to ask Senator Ron Withem some questions and they might seem rhetorical but I want them in the record, the questions and the answers. Senator Withem,...

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Withem, will you yield?

SPEAKER WITHEM: Yes, I'll be happy to.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...does the United States Constitution, which creates the electoral college, impose such a requirement on the electors?

SPEAKER WITHEM: It does not, otherwise we wouldn't have to put it into Nebraska statute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Was it envisioned, based on your reading of