

think it's really a good policy to begin to set to pull a bill back off of Final Reading to just put something on it that really could have been done at any time and can be done any time from today on. And next year he can bring this suggestion back since we won't be getting into a presidential election and he'll have time to do that. So I see absolutely no reason to bring this bill back at this time, albeit there's been reassurances that the bill will be advanced again after this amendment is discussed or attached and not attached to it. But I absolutely see no reason to have...to permit this opportunity to pull a bill back from Final Reading for an amendment that is not compelling and not absolutely necessary to put on today. So I will not be voting to pull this bill back to Select File. Thank you.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Witek. Senator Wehrbein, on the Withem amendment.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes, Madam Speaker, members of the body, I support this amendment. It was one of the things I liked, I think it was Senator Schimek's bill the last time that changed this. I forgot how we rotated. Is that right, Senator Schimek? But that was one thing I liked about her bill. I didn't like the rest of it. But I think it is appropriate to put this in, binding the electors. I think that's the expectation of the citizens of Nebraska at this point, that our presidential electors would vote for those that they are supposed to; this assures that. I don't know if Senator Kristensen wants any more time at this point, or later I'll let him speak on his own time. But I do support the amendment and return. Thank you.

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator, are you giving time to Senator... Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, Madam President, members of the body, I didn't turn my light on right away because I'm rally torn about this. I don't, of course, want to do anything to make a bad bill better, which actually this amendment does. But I am going to vote to return this to Select File. I think that it is a separate policy question. I think it's perfectly legitimate for the Legislature to discuss it. It isn't a new issue in the sense that it has been discussed on General File and on Select File. I gave some thought to introducing the amendment myself. I'm still hopeful that Senator Kristensen won't garner the votes that he needs on Final Reading to pass this bill, but I think