

going to select these people to saying how they must vote. What Senator Kristensen and others are trying to do is change the nature of the electoral college. When it was originally constructed it was not to be a rubber stamp, it was created with the idea that it is not a rubber stamp and it can totally ignore the popular vote if it chooses to. The popular vote for president was a sop thrown out by the founders for the masses to placate them. But the real work of electing president was put in the hands of the electoral college and that's why their vote determines who shall be president,...

SENATOR CROSBY: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...not the popular vote, nothing in the constitution says the popular vote will determine who is president. So what you are trying to do with a state statute is change the electoral college from being a body that was designed to create discretion, even contrary to the popular vote and turn it into a rubber stamp. And you're sitting here telling me that the Nebraska Legislature can change the nature of that which was created by the United States Constitution? I say no. Madam President, you say I only had a minute? Well, I'll have to...

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Your light is next.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President, now I would like to ask Senator Kristensen a question.

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Kristensen.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Kristensen, I think we agree, and you can tell me if I'm mistaken in that, that when the electoral college was created by the U.S. Constitution the intent was to allow them to ignore the popular vote and there is nothing in the constitution that binds them to follow the popular vote. Do you agree with that?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: I don't agree with your term of ignore the popular vote.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Where does it say they have to even consider the popular vote then?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: I'm just saying that I don't agree with