

an initiative, and it came from the people, themselves. So if we delay further debate on this issue, I hope you'll go back and review the history of those amendments and not be as afraid of the people of the state of Nebraska as what I'm hearing some people in this body express today. I am not afraid of the people of the state of Nebraska. My predecessors in this office have not been afraid of the people of the state of Nebraska. I don't think it is time to be afraid of them today. Senator Will, if you'd like to have the rest of my time, I will be happy to yield it to you.

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Will, you have about two and a half minutes.

SENATOR WILL: Thank you. Thank you, Senator Wickersham, I appreciate the yielding of your time. I just wanted to rise to support the Lynch amendment that would return the motion to the original February 6 date suggested by Senator Chambers' previous bracket motion, and I wanted to reiterate the fact that I think we've had a good discussion this morning. Some legitimate concerns have been raised I believe with respect to the amendment that we've been discussing. I think Senator Maurstad and Senator Schrock and Senator Hillman have all touched upon things that perhaps we can...we can work on, and in discussions with them between now and the sixth, and I think that that is a reasonable time frame, and the best use of our time at this point would be to adopt the amendment to the bracket motion and then adopt the bracket motion. I do, should for some reason this bracket...the amendment fail or the bracket motion fail, I have a bracket motion identical to it right behind this which would...which would bracket the bill till February 6, and I simply think that, as I said, that is the best use of the Legislature's time right now. Obviously, this is an issue that is going to be discussed, and it is going to be discussed at length, but at this point, I think we can perfect the amendment that we are talking about and get it into shape that I think would be most palatable to the majority of the Legislature between now and the sixth. So I would encourage you to support the Lynch amendment and then support the bracket motion, and, hopefully, we can get that done between now and noon.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Will. Before we continue with the debate, I'd like to call the senators attention to the north balcony. Senator Kristensen has as his guest 25 political