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SENATOR SCHROCK: Senator Chambers, my light is on. I will oppose the bracket motion. I think this needs to move forward. I think it's had a lot of thought. We all know the process. This isn't a difficult issue. I respect Senator Bromm's concerns about this, but I'm ready to move forward with this and I think the body's ready to move forward with this.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Then before I say more I'm going to go ahead and turn off my light so that Senator Schrock can give his points of view.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Senator Schrock, your light is next.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Mr. Chairman, members of the Legislature, this is not a new concept. We have 50 states and they all do it...well, they don't all do it differently, but there's several ways of doing it. One of the most common is to do what this constitutional amendment proposes, is that the Governor candidate shall choose their running mate. That doesn't mean the political parties shall choose it and that doesn't mean it would be chosen in a primary, like we do it now. It has seemed very cumbersome to me for...to require a Governor candidate to choose some...to have someone elected by the public in the primary that may or may not be of their choosing and may be quite different philosophically, and I think we saw that happen in 1994. The intention of this is to do like ten other states are doing it, including, I believe, the states of South Dakota and Iowa. Let the person who wins the primary in May choose their running mate, the one they think that will complement their running team the best. That means we can have gender diversity, that means we can have geographic diversity, and it just lends itself to a much better situation. That means whoever is elected, whether it be the Democratic team or the Republican team or the Jesse Ventura team, at least you have two people in high office in Nebraska on the same wavelength. They're thinking the same. Their goals are the same. The Lieutenant Governor will have allegiance to the Governor. This is not a difficult constitutional amendment to understand. I don't think it will be hard to explain it to the voters when it's on the ballot. And so the voters can reject it or accept it, and the political parties can decide whether to support it