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passed this out, but it says, that's how it goes in a representative democracy. The voters elect legislators to legislate. If those legislators don't have the backbone to take controversial positions, they should have run for an office that is less likely to be stressful, register of deeds perhaps. Nebraskans, however, have been fortunate. Most...most of the time they have elected state senators who did not shy from the job that had to be done. And it's a very good editorial and it goes on to mention that if the backers of this want this to be brought to the people for a vote, they've got another avenue to use and that, of course, is the right of initiative that we have in this state that half the states in the United States don't even have. So they have that mechanism. They shouldn't really expect the Legislature to put on the ballot issues that...that they...that are very controversial and that they have not come to a vote on. I mean, sometimes you don't come to a vote because it is in the best interests of everybody not to come to a vote on it. If we encourage this kind of thing of voting on everything that's controversial, the ballot could be very long and confusing, as it is in other states like Oregon and California and others. So I would strongly encourage us not to do this. I believe that the people in this state would be sick and tired of all the money pouring in and all the advertising and all the billboards and all the TV commercials that would be...that would happen because of an amendment being put on the ballot. I would repeat, however, an observation from the other day. It probably would be good economic development 'cause there would be a lot of money coming into the state. There's no question about that. I would just strongly urge us not to take the Hilgert select...suggestion, not to...not to send this to the voters of the state, because I think that is our job and we should take it very seriously. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Schimek. Further discussion on the Chambers amendment, Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes, Mr. President, members of the body. I'd like to ask Senator Janssen a couple questions if I may.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Janssen, would you yield? Senator Janssen, would you yield to a question from Senator Wehrbein?