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hear it I recoil in horror. It just sends chills down my spine. I picture myself standing in front of Saint Peter, the gate of heaven just barely ajar, and he said, well, Gene, I've looked over your whole record and I hadn't thought about sending you to hell but it is an interesting idea. That's the phrase, Senator Schimek--it is an interesting idea. We had people try to buy the constitution. They spent four and a half or five million dollars just a few months ago and they didn't bid enough. They didn't bid enough because a wide coalition of people across the state recognized the ills that they sought to put in the constitution, all 3,500 words of it, and acted on that, and it was defeated and it was defeated by a goodly number. It got some votes. Got a lot of votes, but it was defeated, as were a number of others, one in particular, the one right below, was it Initiative 412. There is an old saying that people get the government they deserve and I'm sure that Senator Kristensen is right, there probably is a price at which the constitution can be bought. I don't know what it is. I may never find out. But I do know that we have to have a participatory democracy here, or republic, as you will, and if people care about how they are governed and how they govern and how they are taxed, they have to participate. We have another old saying, and I won't...this is the last old saying, okay, that all that is necessary for the triumph of evil is that good men do nothing. Now it doesn't say what "evil" is and it doesn't say who the "good men" are. This is an interesting idea. It was introduced. There was a hearing held on it. It advanced to General File on day thirty, February 19. This is day seventy-five. Forty-five days have gone. I think that if this is an interesting idea it should be deliberated on, but not with 15 days of session remaining. I intend to oppose LR 18CA. It may be an excellent idea, but I think that it has to be looked at very, very carefully and as slowly as the process it invites, and I urge you all to vote it in General File. Thank you.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Senator Quandahl.

SENATOR QUANDAHL: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. I don't have any...I don't have any zippy Abraham Lincoln quotes to come up with right off the...right off the top of my head, but I...I would say that...that the reasoning behind this consti...this proposed constitutional amendment does have a