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notoriety in the last couple of months is the equal protection clause which, I guess much to my surprise and the surprise of some of the other people around the state, wasn't included in our Nebraska Constitution. Senator Christian (sic), I guess...Kristensen, I would ask you the question. Do you think that if it was required to go to a vote of the people two different times that we'd have the equal protection clause in our constitution?

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Oh, I don't know.

SENATOR QUANDAHL: And so do we want to require a vote of the people two different times to institute something like the equal protection clause in our constitution?

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Yes, I think that'd be a good idea.

SENATOR QUANDAHL: Okay. Another one of your concerns seems to be with accountability and disclosure requirements for constitutional amendments, as far as reporting who supported particular constitutional amendments and how much was spent on particular constitutional amendments. Is that...is that a fair thing to say?

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Yes, I think...I think the mechanism is in place for those to be collected, but the ability to dissect, digest and understand the relationships of those people who contributed or...there I can envision amendments that would come in the future where it would be difficult to find that out until a few months later certainly would benefit by what bills would come in. After that particular constitutional amendment was passed the first time, people would come to the floor of the Legislature and said, well, you know, this is going to get ratified.

SENATOR COORDSEN PRESIDING

SENATOR COORDSEN: One minute.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: It was passed. And here's the legislation that would implement that sort of thing. All of a sudden the light starts to shine on what the real purpose of doing that