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is definitely in that direction. I...I...if you're at all like me, I know that as you look back over time you're thankful that you didn't get what you really wanted at the time, or sometimes you're unhappy that you did get what you really wanted, as the case may be. But I think you do mature in your thought processes and you gain information. We've kind of, I think, tried several times to make it clear that this is not just a Initiative 413 effort and I would certainly agree with that, but I think Initiative 413 is somewhat instructive. There you had a person who I assume was hired, a lawyer, to write a constitutional amendment and I think that person wrote it somewhat in isolation. I don't know that there was certainly any public input in what...but I simply don't know. I do know that there was no public hearing on what was done. The next step then was petition or signature gathering by petitioners and I can remember that, a person standing there saying if you want to lower your taxes sign here. And I, you know, if you have the right phrase I think you can get a signature without really fully explaining a complicated concept. From that point, you went into, as Senator Kristensen had mentioned, the sound bytes on radio and TV and, you know, there...there certainly it takes voters, but money does matter a great deal. And I would also mention in that particular case that there was new information, new insights, and new interpretations on Initiative 413 that were occurring right up to the very last day. It was a complicated proposal. Constitutional amendments or proposed amendments can be complicated and certainly it is possible in the length of time we had there that most people, not any...maybe not anybody fully understood what that proposal or what that change to the constitution might have meant. I would...I would just mention, and I think Senator Kristensen, he's not here, is very serious, because we had a...

SENATOR COORDSEN: One minute.

SENATOR RAIKES: ...a constitutional amendment, LR 45CA, which is now being implemented by LB 271, and he took it upon himself to amend that to delay its implementation a year, so apparently he is very serious about considering those amendments slowly. So I do support LR 18CA. I...I hope you will too. Thank you.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Senator. Senator Beutler, please.