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you can see that we have just about turned over the coin, and that instead of being a device to be used by the people to reform against the large monied interest that in fact initiative and referendums due to decisions of the U.S. Supreme Court have become the tool of monied interest. Now those monied interests aren't always business interests, they can be other interests. But to be quite candid, the more money you have, no matter where you get that money, the more money you have the better chance you have of having a successful initiative; I think just the opposite of what people probably intended when they adopted the initiative process in 1912. We have, in some senses, come full circle. I think on the first round debate of this proposal I noted that I thought it was appropriate that we give the people of the state of Nebraska a chance to correct mistakes that they might make in voting for a proposal; that we do the same thing within our process, we'll have three chances to correct any mistake that we might be making with LR 18CA or any other measure that comes before us that's going to substantively affect the laws of the state of Nebraska. We have three opportunities within one Legislature to correct our mistakes. And, of course, we can come back every year and attempt to correct a mistake that we've enacted. It is far more difficult to correct a mistake that you make in the constitution, whether that's a constitutional provision that has been presented to the people by the Legislature, or one that comes to the people through the initiative process. I heard both Senator Dierks and Senator Bromm say that they wish this measure were held over so that we could have additional discussion for next year. I don't know what Senator Kristensen's intentions are, whether or not we have additional time to think about it before we would vote for this on Final Reading, I think isn't a terribly important issue to me. But they did make one comment that I found to be a little bit startling, and that was somehow that proposals that come up through the initiative process, with none of the kind of debate, none of the kind of consideration, none of the...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: ...delays that they were asking for with regard to this considera...with regard to this amendment, none of that applies to initiatives. None of that applies to initiatives. So where is the greater hazard in our