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SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Louden. Senator Schimek, your light is next. Do you wish...did you wish to...Senator Schimek, did you wish to use your...utilize your time? Your light was...waives that opportunity. Senator Erdman.

SENATOR ERDMAN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature. I rise to, I guess, seek some clarification. I'm going to be one of those that says, you know what, if we've got a problem, let's make sure that we solve it when we're dealing with the constitution correctly, and let's have all the questions answered. And I'm not sure that I'm there yet. Because as I'm looking at what we're proposing, I think there's some uniqueness about what we're asking. An individual could be an employee of a...we'll use an example of a teacher again. An individual can be a teacher, and they cannot run for their local school board. But unless their local school board has policies that says they can't run for the Legislature, they can run for the Legislature. Now then, the school board would have to determine how they would treat that situation as far as whether or not that individual could still maintain...and I don't know how you would be a teacher and be here. But that's an option. The other idea that we were talking about is, if you were an employee of an NRD, maybe you were the general manager, you probably aren't allowed to run for the board there, but you could run for the Legislature and then maintain your employment. I don't know. I guess I need to hear a definitive reason why this is such an important thing to do. Because when you put this before the people, the people are going to ask, one, why are we changing the constitution, and there better be a good, compelling reason to do it. And I'm not sure that I've heard that as of yet. And I'm glad that we're having the discussion. I'm glad that we have a lot of people that have become interested in this, because I'm not sure that I've been given the answer to say, you know what, this is absolutely necessary, this is the right thing to do. I understand the situation that might have presented this. But I think we've got to look through how the levels of government in Nebraska are set up, and what type of ramifications or benefits might come from a change like this. Because if we do this, if we put this out to the people, and the people would vote in favor of this, and we come back and say, well, actually there's this unintended