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SENATOR BOURNE: Well, I appreciate your raising the issue, Senator Schimek. But again, I fail to see how adding three constitutional officers at the...to the list is going to resolve the situation that you're addressing. But I'm going to listen to the debate. But again, it seems to me that if we are going to change the law here in the state, on any measure, a compelling case should be made to justify that change. So thank you very much.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Bourne. Senator Brashear, followed by Senator Bromm. Senator Brashear.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Mr. President, thank you. Members of the body. Senator Schimek, I'm trying to decide if I should take this personally. The way my day is going, can you...will you tell me whether or not this bill was brought to you by Common Cause of Nebraska?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: (Laugh) No, it was not, Senator Brashear.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: And should I attach any significance to it that, like other measures this session, this bill advanced from committee with seven affirmative votes?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: (Laugh) No, Senator Brashear.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: What I'm trying to do, as I stand here, I'm going to try and disassociate myself from the disappointment that I would feel in being moved down the line of succession as Chairman of the Judiciary Committee. Now, I can assure you, this does not quite have the attention and the focus for me like, say, a \$673 million shortfall. And I don't think this will contribute anything to it. But if we're going to spend time on momentous questions, my concern is that I'm dropping in the line of succession. And if this further removes from me that tremendous opportunity (laugh) of getting to serve as Governor, if, as, and when we've eliminated all the people