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describe this to people, is that in Nebraska we have three congressmen. Our congressmen represent a very small number, compared to the other numbers of congressmen that are there representing other states. We have very little chance of having any impact, except by the experience and the ability of the people that we send there. And after they're there for a while, many times they're able to accomplish some pretty significant things. And I think we're observing that now with some of our congressmen. And certainly, in the Senate I think we're also gaining good leverage for our state by the experience of the people that we have there. I think the same holds true with your districts here in Nebraska. I think for many of you,...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SPEAKER BROMM: ...if your districts hope to accomplish things and have you accomplish things, they know that they need you here for a while in order to learn how to pass a bill, what measure...what the instincts become after you're here and observe the process. Perhaps many of you will experience and are experiencing more responsibility in various positions here. And that can't help but be a benefit to your district. And your district should be the ones to decide whether you're doing a good job or whether you aren't. And some artificial time that is established in our constitution has never made any sense to me. But especially it makes no sense in a state like Nebraska, where we are very independent thinkers, we're a nonpartisan Legislature. And to put in a term limit provision that swept across the country to try to...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time.

SPEAKER BROMM: ...impact this institution is a very negative thing for the Legislature. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Bromm. Senator Johnson on AM0783.

SENATOR JOHNSON: Mr. President and members of the body, as a member of the freshman class, I must tell you that I am still in awe of those of you that have been down here, oh, awhile,