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turnover in this Legislature is enough without adding another artificial reason to have turnover. Again, we have shrinking population, more concentration in the urban areas. We don't have two houses. We don't have the check and balance of Congress. The rural areas are going to be without any clout whatsoever in this Legislature if you have term limits, because no one will be here long enough, or be in a position, I think, to be effective enough to balance the numbers that are east of Grand Island.

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SPEAKER BROMM: And I'm east of Grand Island. So that is not self-serving. But that's how I feel about it. I realize the editorials that have been written, the letters that have been written, make people uncomfortable. But that's never bothered me. But I'm okay with a bracket, or however Senator Chambers would propose to do that. And...but if the people that want to look at this and do some polling and so forth feel that the will is not here to even put this on the ballot, I think we will either have no support to carry this project out, or, hopefully, they will trust that there will be enough will to do it if the public is inclined to want this on the ballot that we will do it when we come back in January. So for the sake of everyone's interests here, I'm okay with Senator Chambers' motion, if he would like to do that by unanimous consent. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Bromm. Senator Brashear on the advancement of LB 598.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Mr. President, members of the body, I voted to advance the bill on General File, and I'm going to vote with what I believe will be the majority again. But I just could not resist, at this point in the day, sharing the anguish of one of my answering machine messages at home. Now, this is going to be subtle. But the lady called after the vote on General File, and she said she was so d-a-m-n mad at me over my vote...oh, I guess I forgot to mention something. I'm in the first year of my third term. Anyway, she was that mad at me over my vote, and she would not be voting for me again. (Laughter) It's subtle. It reminds me of the letter that I got...it was last September