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newsletters and brochures. And so it has wide support. And I just ask you to help me put it on the ballot, because I'm very confident the citizens of this state will vote for it. With that, I will conclude my opening remarks, and thank you for your time.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Schrock. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, the first amendment I have to the resolution, by Senator Chambers. Senator, Fall67 that you filed with me last year. (Legislative Journal page 643, First Session, 2003.)

SPEAKER BROMM: Senator Chambers to open on your amendment.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President...Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, now I begin to demonstrate that I meant what I said. And Senator Foley is going to have to lead you all out of the thicket that he led you into. Senator Schrock knows he's going to have to get cloture. It's just a matter of how long we're going to talk before he brings you all to that. I respect the constitution. I believe I respect it more than anybody on this floor, more than anybody in this state. The constitution has been called by somebody the organic law of the state, or of a country. It is that document which contains those basic, fundamental rights and guarantees without which, it is believed by some, a democratic society cannot flourish. Constitutions are written, when they are properly written, in general terms, so that they have a flexibility, that they can grow and be applied to new circumstances as new circumstances arise. A constitution should never be degraded and reduced to the point of boilerplate which consists of specific, individualized notions that special groups and special interest groups want to have put into that document. The constitution should not be amended, in my opinion, whimsically or for nonserious reasons. If there is no evil of a deep-rooted, widespread nature, it is unwise and inappropriate to clutter the constitution with unnecessary verbiage. The list of states read off by Senator Schrock is not impressive. There are other things those states go for that I'm sure people in Nebraska do not. But whatever other states do will not influence my attempts to protect this