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SENATOR WEHRBEIN: I'd like to yield my time to Senator Schrock.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Senator Schrock, you have four minutes and fifty-two seconds.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Well, you know, I respect those of you in this body who are trained in the law. I respect you immensely. In all cases, you have contributed to the Legislature, you've contributed to the process, you've contributed to people who might want to frivolize the process, you scrutinize bills and you're educated in a way that I cannot...that I cannot relate to. I'm fortunate enough to have two attorneys on staff. As a farmer, I have an attorney who happens to be married to my cousin, who happens to come from the East Coast, educated at Georgetown University. And I have found out, when I have not taken advice from an attorney, that I'm usually wrong. But we can disagree on this issue, and I want you to know I do appreciate Senator Flood jumping into the foray this morning because he said it better than I could say it, and I think he's speaking for a lot of people in this state. This would raise the standard, and I think that the people in the state of Nebraska...by the way, of all the things I've done in the Legislature, some of them I thought were very visible, this has become the most visible thing I've ever done in the Legislature, for the general population. And with a few exceptions, most of them say, you know, we would like to see this voted upon and we're worried these issues, we're worried about the future of some of these activities. And so they would like to see it put in there, and Senator Flood said it best, it does raise the bar a little bit. And those of you who are opposed to this, what's wrong with putting it on the ballot? Why should we be the 49th state to do something? Why should we force the people of the state of Nebraska to circulate a petition to put something like this on the ballot? With that, I give the rest of my time back to the Chair.

SENATOR CUDABACK PRESIDING

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Schrock. Senator Schimek, followed by Senator Preister.