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SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes. Thank you, Mr. President. I'd like to yield my time to Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Senator Schimek. Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I've got to keep my little friend with me here so that I can give a reminder of what the Legislature did yesterday that I think was wrong when they clotured that bill which would allow people to kill prairie dogs. But I was talking so I'd give Senator Flood time to return to his desk. Senator Flood, I want to pursue just briefly with you the area of constitutional law. If this provision were to become a part of the constitution, and any group got enough signatures on a petition to have a provision put to repeal this from the constitution, and the people voted in the requisite majority to do so, would this provision then be repealed from the constitution?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Flood.

SENATOR FLOOD: Yes, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Senator Flood is correct. I knew he would know the answer. Senator Schrock was getting some bad information back there. The people, by petition, can put anything into the constitution they choose. They can eliminate anything from the constitution they choose. The thing which puts a check on the foolishness and mischief that can be wreaked by people in a state doing things to their specific constitution is found in the U.S. Constitution, U.S. Supreme Court decisions and federal enactments by the Congress. So you might get some of these racists out in western Nebraska, eastern Nebraska, central Nebraska, northern Nebraska, southern Nebraska to collaborate and decide that since they were able to get term limits and put me out of the Legislature, they may be able to amend the constitution to abolish the restriction against slavery and put me into slavery, being so ignorant that they abolished by realize that slavery was U.S. Constitution, so that's off the table. They don't