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They didn't get the right to vote till 1920, despite the Fifteenth Amendment. The XVII, 1913, that called for the direct senators election of U.S. Senate, to the current...before that they were chosen by legislatures and there was so much corruption that the public insisted that this change be made. No more needs to be said about that. Nineteen twenty came the Nineteenth Amendment: "The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex. Congress shall have the power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation. Nineteen fifty-one, that restricted the President of the United States to two terms. If that person served more than two years of a previous President's term, he or she could be elected only one more time; limited to two terms. There was one other that I think is worthy of note. All of them are, but these are of particular note in my mind. Amendment XXVI, 1971: "The right of citizens of the United States, who are eighteen years of age or older, to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of age. Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation." You know what? If people would read the U.S. Constitution, if they would read the Nebraska Constitution they would laugh to scorn like they did ...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...at the original U.S. Constitutional Convention, something like this on fishing, hunting and trapping to be put into that document. I've conceded that the people can put anything into it they want to, anything, but that doesn't mean any and everything ought to be put there. And when it's filtered through us, the Legislature, we should set a higher standard and let people know we are not flunkies. We don't do everything just because you tell us to do it. If you gave me a bucket of warm spit and told me to drink it, I'm not going to drink it. Or if it was cold spit, I'm not going to drink it. You cannot reduce me to the level of a nincompoop, a jackass or a fool. Despite the fact that you voted for me, you don't own me and you don't cause me to put in abeyance my ability to think and exercise my judgment. I'm being asked to become a fool and befoul the constitution with LR 8CA, and you might get it done