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decisions." I will tell you that's exactly what LR 8CA does. It gives some broad principles in the constitution. And, Senator Chambers, if you want to talk about clutter, try Article XVIII for clutter. There's four pages of constitutional amendment for constitutional term limits parked there since 1996. I would say this is fairly brief, it's very concise, and I don't think it's cluttering the constitution. I would strongly disagree with the editorial in the Omaha World-Herald. We have an employee on our farm who's worked for us since last September. He's about 45 years old. He was in the Army and his job in the Army was being a sniper. And I'll tell you one thing, I am not going to challenge him to a shooting contest. If that deer is within 500 yards, he's going to shoot it and he's going to kill it. The man is good. He said he has a friend in Colorado. He said that friend in Colorado was a trapper. He said they never even thought there was a possibility that right could ever be taken away from them. And they did it in Colorado. The people who are criticizing what we are doing here would say this can never happen in Nebraska. And if it does, it's just in the constitution, they can take it out. I would acknowledge that. But this raises the bar, it raises the level of what we can and can't do. And so it would not be my goal to take a lot of time. I would hope most everyone has made up their mind on what they're going to do on this. And I do appreciate those of you who have supported it. This is also about sending a message, and I think it's a message we need to send in Nebraska. And to me it's a long-term message. This isn't short-term gratification. So with that, thank you for the opportunity to make a few comments this morning. I will be working with the Speaker to find out what the destiny of this is. And I hope that when the time comes I'll have the support necessary. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Chambers, would you like to review your FA41 to LR 8CA?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes. Mr. President, it won't take long for me to do that. If you look on your gadget, you would see that this amendment would also protect creating, recreating, "conversating," and procreating. I don't think any explanation is needed to make clear what those four terms would refer to.