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Some of the people being kicked out of here by term make. limits have an understanding of and appreciation for the Legislature as an institution. While we can gain the benefit of their experience, their knowledge, we should do so. The mouse-god knows, since now I see there's a new deity, the mouse-god knows that I don't agree with all of them, and some of them, I wouldn't fret at all if they were voted out by their constituents. I might even be glad. But I don't want to see them artificially thrown out of here by way of term limits. we do things like what this bill is offering, it's like consigning living people to a tomb or a grave. We're the ones who will be lame-ducking them in a way that has not been done before, because we are putting in the law that these people have nothing to contribute. I would rather see a change, in terms of how long this thing would last, than to deny all of those people being term-limited out the opportunity to be on this commission, or to take from the Executive Board the discretion to put any such person or persons on this commission. It might sound facetious, but the world could come to an end before the people are term-limited out of here. It would be good for those of you all who are religious to accept that notion, that you ought to be found with your hand on the plow when the Master comes to call you home. You shouldn't be sitting under a tree saying, well, since nobody knows the day or the hour, it's 3:06; since Jesus might come at 3:30, there's no need in me plowing anymore. Well, since you don't know, it could be 330 years from now, so you put your hands on the plow and get back out there and plow me a furrow straight as an arrow, from here to York, Nebraska. Some people might think it's wise to put this kind of language I don't. I would not want to see the adoption of a rule which would say that because some people are going to be here one more term, this term that we're serving now, the number of bills they can introduce would be restricted, even though after the second part of the session, all bills die. We all know that it takes more than one session, sometimes, to get a bill accepted and passed into law. The argument could be made that since they're not going to be here to bridge the end of this session and the beginning of the next one, they should not be allowed to offer bills that are controversial and cannot be enacted into law this session. We wouldn't do that. If it was attempted, I'd fight it harder than anybody else, even though by