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It has to have 30 votes.

PRESIDENT: Senator Kelly. Senator Kelly, I must interpret Senator Syas' remarks as a mild objection. I think, Senator Fowler, you do lack unanimous consent. So there is . . . that will be the Chair's ruling that there is no unanimous consent so there is nothing before the floor except 94 constitutional amendment on Select File. Do you wish to be heard Senator Kelly?

SENATOR KELLY: Yes. Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I move that we bracket 94 on Select File for the purpose of having other constitutional amendments catch up. This is another point of view. I do not understand bracketing on Select File as a vote against, nor in any way killing these constitutional amendments. In this other point of view, we are severely criticized for having a tremendous long string of constitutional amendments on the ballots for the voter to become educated in what they mean and what they'll do. It's been suggested that even members of this body do not know what they are or what they do. We expect the voters, the man out in the street, to know these technical, complicated issues. The Nebraska Constitution has been around a long time and God willing it's gonna be here a long time in the future. What is the hurry of a week or two weeks. When we're in a first session of two sessions of a Legislature, 18 months before the vote, what is the hurry to jam these on across and pass them. I would much prefer, as one individual . . . again another point of view . . . to have four or five constitutional amendments over there and allow me to take my choice of which ones I will support rather than being asked individually which one I'm going to support when I do not know what's going to get across the board that far on the rest of the propositions. Let's do bracket them.

PRESIDENT: Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: Mr. Speaker and members, I object to Senator Kelly objecting to constitutional amendment 94 for the same reason that Senator Syas mentioned. I think each constitutional amendment should travel on its own merit. I detect the possibility of some trade-offs when we get around here. Frankly I go back to my bill 119. I'm prepared to go out and personally campaign for this on my own initiatives. I think it's that important to the state of Nebraska. I think each senator who has one should carry the initiative to do this. I'm prepared to do this. So therefore I object to any bracketing of constitutional amendments.

PRESIDENT: Senator Luedtke.

SENATOR LUEDTKE: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I agree with Senator Koch. Both of us have these amendments. LB 94 happens to be mine. I think they should at least go across the board to General File. The same thing can be accomplished that Senator Kelly wants accomplished by letting them stay on General File. At least we have then put them clear across the board and let them hold on . . . go clear across the board from General File to final reading and hold them on final reading until they get caught up. If that's what they want. Personally, I think we should vote on them