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Speakers haven't done generally speaking a better job than Lieutenant Governors. In my opinion, the people that we have put up there as Speakers in the six years that I have been here have done a significantly better job than the Lieutenant Governors that have been up there in managing this Legislature and that is the important point. Not that the Lieutenant Governors don't do an adequate job but that we can do better. Besides there being no positive reasons stated why the Lieutenant Governor should be up there, I think we have given you a number of reasons why he should not be up there, reasons having to do with the separation of power as Senator Wesely has explained to you, and I want to go back last and finally to what I think is the crux of the matter, is that the person up there presiding over the Legislature is managing the Legislature and he has to be fair-minded and he has to know the rules of the Legislature and he has to know the personality and character of the Legislature, and to me no matter how you cut it, the Lieutenant Governor in all those categories whether he can meet those qualifications will always be haphazard and accidental. Whereas if you do it the other way, it is in your hands to choose the person who is best suited to conduct and regulate the business of this Legislature. I would ask for the advancement of the bill.

SENATOR KAHLE: Okay, we will be voting on LR 4CA. Those in favor vote aye, those opposed vote no. Please vote. Can't go to lunch until you are through voting. 5 are excused. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: (Record vote read. See page 337 of the Legislative Journal.) 16 ayes, 23 nays, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL PRESIDING

SPEAKER NICHOL: The bill fails. We will go on to LR 2.

CLERK: Mr. President, LR 2CA was offered by Senator Firsch and Senator Hoagland. It would propose an amendment to Article VII, Section 5 of the Constitution of the State of Nebraska. It had been referred to the Constitutional Revision Committee for a public hearing last year. The committee advanced the proposal. Mr. President, there are committee amendments pending.