

proposal. Now, we have all served in this body, most all of us have served for a couple years and we all realize the very difficult issues that face us. They are very complicated. The whole process is that our neighbors elect us to come down here. We are 49 members, we come down here, we sacrifice our time, financial loss. We come down here to work for the betterment of the State of Nebraska and we all realize that it is pretty tough for the voters to understand exactly what happens down here in the legislative process. Back in '85 there was over 728 bills introduced and we passed over 248 bills into law, that were enacted into law. My first year down here we enacted 295 laws and the second year 291. Now, in that time of hundreds of bills that we have enacted into law, the voters have focused in on two bills that they felt were wrong and those two bills, as we all know, were very controversial when we discussed it on the floor of the Legislature dealing with seat belts, as well as LB 662, consolidation of school districts. They are very controversial legislation. There was very little consensus on this body and, as I recall, it was a very narrow margin that they passed, I believe 25 votes in both instances. So I wouldn't exactly say that we had consensus in this body that this was fantastic pieces of legislation. So is it surprising then that some voters in the State of Nebraska had chosen to repeal these particular laws? I would say it is more surprising, considering the type of legislation that we pass in here, and I would say rather bad legislation because I voted against a number of them, it is surprising that they have only chosen two pieces of legislation out of the hundreds of pieces of legislation that were passed by this Legislature. That is what I find surprising. In the whole time I have been down here, they have only said that two bills were that bad that they felt that they should be repealed. Now, I don't call that bad. I don't call that good. I just think that it is interesting that we spent all the time, and I think it is a confirmation by the people that we do show a lot of respect and that we do take a lot of time in looking at these different pieces of legislation. Now there was a lot of people in this state that were upset when Initiative 300 was passed. I wasn't in the body at that particular time but I know a lot of people were upset that that particular piece of legislation was passed. And we have had good discussions about Initiative 300, the repeal of Initiative 300 and the family farm on this floor and as to whether or not it should be on the books. Now, we are not dealing with that particular