

14th day, whatever this is, of the Legislature. Remember what this body did last time we dealt with an amendment to the federal Constitution? The Equal Rights Amendment to the federal Constitution was put before this body, passed in a rather hasty fashion, some time intervened and this body then decided to rescind its approval of that particular amendment. Nebraska now is in somewhat of a touchy question as to whether we had the right to actually rescind that measure. So, we don't get into a position where we are not sure exactly what it is we, as a body, want to do, I suggest we take a little time and at least not advance this on to Final Reading at this point.

PRESIDENT: Senator Hannibal, then Senator Marsh.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Mr. President, members, I understand that this debate has gone on far too much and I realize there are many people sitting around the room, including myself, that say that the practicality of this is one thing, and that practicality is that it is likely it is going to have no effect whatsoever because we are only state that is involved. We've got to have several other states resolve this. So, we should go on with our business because we are taking far too much time to discuss this issue. However, the problem has arisen now, because the discussion has taken on a different slant. And the issues of those that are proponents of LR 2 are saying don't you want our congressional people to be frugal and responsible in working with themselves and raising their own salaries. Unfortunately that is not the issue. As Senator Chambers, Senator Hall, Senator Withem, and others before me have said, the goal of what we are trying to do here is not the issue anymore as far as I am concerned. We have other means to send these signals. We can send them in a resolution, or letters, or we can encourage them to pass their own law. Unfortunately the issue by the proponents is do you want congressional people to be fiscally responsible with their own actions. That is not the issue by the opponents. The opponents issue is we shouldn't be using this means, the Constitution. The United States Constitution shouldn't be the means for that. So, we find ourselves, yes, we are talking about something that as a practical effect, very little. But politically it could mean an awful lot, and philosophically it can mean an awful lot. I am going to be opposed to the bill, not because I am trying to say to our congressional delegations, no, we don't want you to be frugal and responsible and accountable for your actions, has nothing to do with that at all. It deals with what I think most of the opponents of the bill, the resolution are saying is the