

exactly as it should, and I don't understand the big hurry to change it. If it is working, why change it? I think that we need to keep in place and try it. Also the binding provision that was passed in that bill binds our electoral vote to match that of the vote in the state and in the individual districts. Senator Kristensen has suggested that we might keep that provision even if we did away with the rest of the system, and I would argue that, yes, if we do away with the rest of the system, we should at least keep that, but I am suggesting to you and pleading with you that we don't do away with the rest of the system. I heard the argument on the floor a number of times during the first debate that...that the arguments last time were that this would bring more candidates, more importance to Nebraska. I never made that argument on the floor. If you will go back and examine the records, that wasn't the argument. The argument was it more fairly represents the one person, one vote kind of system that we've grown accustomed to in this state. I also said that it probably could bring more resources into the state and more grass-roots activity, and I still think those are two major reasons for retaining the present system. I do agree with Senator Wehrbein who said on the first round of debate that...he said he wouldn't oppose this so much if he thought that it wasn't ever going to go national, and I do agree, Senator Wehrbein, that could change the picture. but right now for Nebraska, nobody is going to come...pay that much attention to five electoral votes. I really don't think that it is going to make a big difference which system we have in place, but I think the difference is that the people in this state will have a more comfortable feeling that their vote really does count if we retain the system that we adopted three years ago. And I guess my closing would be, if it ain't broke, don't fix it, and it's working fine. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Kristensen, the motion is to indefinitely postpone. Under our rules, you are entitled to be recognized to give a response.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature. I don't think Senator Schimek's motion to indefinitely postpone is good policy and I would urge the Legislature to reject that motion and to advance LB 65 on for Final Reading. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Kristensen. Senator Maurstad, followed by Senators Bernard-Stevens and Schimek.