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SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you. I'd like to pause here one second to recognize some guests of the Legislature. In the north balcony we have members of the League of Women Voters of Nebraska. Would you please stand. Senator Lynch on the bracket motion. Senator Lynch waives off. Senator Maurstad, on the bracket motion. Senator Chambers, on the bracket motion, yours is the last light on. Would you care to speak, or would you like to close?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I won't call this my close. I don't intend to speak every time I can. But this will give me enough time for sure. I'm speaking, so if I can complete it in five minutes. By the way, Senator Hillman, I got caught, I thought somebody was going to speak. I got a piece of peppermint in the side of my mouth, so I want everybody who might be watching this to know that I don't have a chew over there, this is not tobacco. Senator Hillman, you are absolutely right when you point out that when something is before us, at least with reference to my view, and I'll take your word for how you view it, you look at the best that can happen from it, I look at the worst, and I really do, because when we are empowering the Legislature to do something, and flawed people are in the Legislature, and by flawed I'm not saying venial, crooked, dishonest, but who might be in a hurry, who might be pressured, or who might simply not completely understand what's being done, mistakes can be made. So if a loaded gun is put in the hand of a child, I presume that the child is going to point it where it shouldn't and kill somebody, that's my presumption. Somebody terribly optimistic would say the child will examine it, see that it's a deadly weapon and place it down on the table and not touch it again. Whatever is the worst thing that can happen at some point will happen. We're dealing in politics. And politics is a game where we should look at what is, not just the way things ought to be or the way we wish they would be. There are three steps we can take, one, see things the way they actually are, jump over the second and see the way we wish things would be... we see the way we wish things would be, and in the middle we look at what can be, what can we realistically accomplish under the limited circumstances that we deal with as politicians. I say what we can do is make sure that when we amend the constitution we make it as hard as possible to do contrary to what is intended and as likely possible that the