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summary.) The resolution was introduced on January 9. It was referred to the Judiciary Committee. The resolution was advanced to General File. I have no amendments, at this time, to the resolution, Madam President.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: The Chair recognizes Senator Kristensen to open on the constitutional amendment.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Madam President, members of the Legislature. It always seems that when you get two bills in a row that you risk having the body get tired of hearing your voice, but cons...it doesn't take that much, I deserve that Senator Schimek. Let me give you a little background. The Constitutional Revision Commission was created by the Legislature amidst a variety of controversy, particularly in its membership. Despite those issues, and certainly the state learned something about selecting members to commissions and boards through that process, but as a result of that, there are a variety of recommendations and suggestions that came out. Setting on the commission, or at least legislatorwise, was myself, Senator Withem and Senator Warner. Those recommendations that were forwarded through the first half of the commission's work have been introduced in total by Senator Warner, myself, and Senator Withem. Believe it or not, there are some of the things that the three of us have introduced that we may not have voted for individually in the commission, but we wanted to make sure that the commission had the opportunity and those things were presented to people because they were voted upon. The rules were that you had to have a supermajority or a majority, absolute majority, more correctly, of members voting to do this, so it wasn't just a majority of those that were there on anyone particular day. That is not the case, necessarily, with constitutional amendment 20. I think both Senator Withem and Senator Warner and myself support this concept. I was not present that particular day but I know that this is a concept that it is hard to argue against, quite frankly. It is difficult to argue against. It is a matter of fairness, and what this is, is it puts into the Nebraska Constitution, and I am going to read the change to you. Existing in Article I, Section 3 of our constitution is no person, now we are not talking about a corporation, we are not talking about a limited liability company, we are not talking