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Ladies and gentlemen, this is a slam dunk. This is something that I can support without any reservation at all. The concept of equal protection, as outlined very well by Senator Kristensen, is something that is fundamental to the American body of law. We simply cannot deny the equal protection of laws to the individual members of our society in a variety of contexts. And, quite simply, this is something that has been used, as Senator Kristensen pointed out, in cases like Brown v. the Board of Education, and in a variety of cases where individuals have been systematically discriminated against, and this is something that is not only in the United States Constitution but should be embodied in the Nebraska Constitution as well. And I don't want to belabor the point, but to me this is crystal-clear that this is something that ought to be put before the voters of the state of Nebraska, that ought to be adopted by the voters of the state of Nebraska, because any single individual out there at some point might face a situation where they are, for some reason or another, denied equal protection of laws, and that is not something that we should have; that is not a situation that should occur under the United States Constitution or under the State Constitution of the state of Nebraska. So I would urge your vote for advancing this measure. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Will. Senator Witek.

SENATOR WITEK: Thank you, Madam President, members of the body. I rise in opposition to LR 20CA. First of all, some of the comments that were made, this doesn't expand the rights until the interpretation by the courts makes the changes. We already have all the rights that we need under equal protection under the Federal Constitution, and someone said show me cases where this wasn't necessary. I say show me cases where anyone in the state of Nebraska has ever been denied equal protection under the United States Constitution, ever. Everyone that I've talked to, as far as constitutional lawyers, since the introduction of this amendment and another amendment, if you look a little farther down our agenda, LR 19CA is also on our agenda, another expansion measure. If you look at both of those together, I've asked some of the lawyers and constitutional lawyers across the country that we were in contact with on the 411, 412 fight last year, even though people didn't think there was a fight here in