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body. I rise in support of the Kristensen resolution and, you know, I hope that you will give this serious consideration. It is a very interesting idea. But before I go into some of the reasons that I am supporting this, I would like to address a couple of things that Senator Dierks said. And, you know, Senator Dierks, I'm kind of surprised that you're taking the attitude that this wouldn't be good for the people out there who are circulating petitions. When you're talking about LB 729, I think it would be very helpful to those people because, with the amount of money that is being spent today on getting initiatives passed, it becomes almost impossible for some of these volunteer groups to be able to see something through to its conclusion. And if we had the opportunity for constitutionality to be tested before they actually go around and start gathering signatures, I think it would be very helpful. But that is another...another issue and another discussion on another bill. Senator Quandahl, every bill in this Legislature gets three votes. You know that. You've been here long enough to know that. So I don't think that we pass bills lightly and I don't think that you can make that analogy. I think that two or three votes on every bill is not a bad idea and it's not...it's not any worse idea when you get into amending the constitution than it is when you're passing a statute. Couple of things I'd like to comment on and maybe even ask Senator Kristensen a question or two, but the March deadline, and I think that's what it would be, would be a March deadline, if you work back from the July deadline right now, you would work back four months and it would be a March deadline, it would be about the same as our filing deadline for candidates for office. So you're talking about the same time frame for the...the push for the petition as it is for getting elected to office, so I think that would be, in some respects, very helpful to those who might have an issue that they are trying to get on the ballot and trying to get adopted, so I think there'd be a lot of positive things about that. One of the questions that I think that Senator Christian (sic)...I hope that he's got an answer for that I think that we should consider in all of this as we are looking at this bill, and that is how do we handle an emergency situation. And, Senator Kristensen, if I might, you and I were both here and we both remember the property tax crisis of several years ago and the fact that we had to go to the ballot to try to solve it. And I am curious about if you have a...if you have something that has to be