

support LB 436. When our Constitution was written the provision which we are talking about now went in in 1875. In 1875 not every member of the Legislature could read who was elected to serve in this body. In 1875 not every member had a copy of the proposed bill on his desk and I say "his" because there were no women in this body in 1875. Everyone now has an opportunity to read the bill before it is even discussed on General File. The time is how you budget your time. Please don't ask people who come to sit and observe the Legislature, having to sit hour after hour to watch Final Reading. Let them come and see us thoroughly discuss the proposals which are brought to this body. Let them see us use deliberative measures when we are bringing a bill to Final Reading stage. Let them see us in public hearings delve into the questions so that proposed pieces of legislation have been thoroughly discussed before a committee before it comes to General File. Those are safeguards for the citizens of Nebraska but one of the reasons persons voted this proposal down last year, Senator Barrett, is because they did not understand that it went into the Constitution when people did not have copies of bills, when not everyone could read or read well, the English language in which the bills were presented. We have changed since 1875. Let us move forward and use the time which we have given to us for this deliberation more wisely than leaving the chunk of time on Final Reading where many of you read newspapers, write letters, call your secretaries but do not listen and do not read the bills being considered. No, not everyone is in that category. There are some who are reading the bills as they are presented but most of us know before the bill comes to Final Reading how we plan to cast our ballot and if we have done our homework we ought to be prepared to know what is in the proposal coming before us. I strongly urge you to advance LB 436 and I strongly urge you to let your constituents know that when that proposal went into the Constitution, not everyone could read who served in the Legislature and certainly the members of the Legislature did not have their own individual copies of the bills with as much time to look at and consider as we do in 1980. Let's move into the '80s with a progressive look at what needs to be done. Let's advance LB 436.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator DeCamp. I think he is back there in the phone booth. Ask him if he wants to...question...oh, I hear a voice from the phone booth. Do I see five hands? I do. All those in favor of ceasing debate vote aye, opposed nay.