

years and years. Now as far as the Legislature coming down here, the way I understand it, these days would take off of our regular session days. Well, now the first twelve days we had Revisor bills. So you take those twelve days off plus the days that this constitutional amendment says we are going to be down here, plus take off the 25 percent of the time that it takes us to hear bills on Final Reading and we will not have any time to get our work done. By coming down, as he says, these few days isn't going to help that much. Now I will go a step further. He says for farmers and ranchers to begin spring planting and other activities. I don't understand those other activities. I would like to know what those would be. But let's talk about September, October and November. What do we do? We have interim studies. We have a lot of interim studies and we are gone a lot. Now he wants to...not he, but the amendment says we will come down in December. Well, now if I lived in Lincoln, this wouldn't be a bad idea because I could go home every evening and be with my family and do my Christmas shopping and I am home basically every evening anyway. The same way with the Omaha senators, they go home every evening. But for the senators who cannot go home every evening, this is a bad constitutional amendment and it doesn't do that much good. It is just going to bring us down here for the Legislative Council and then they will say, no, we will have the Legislative Council meeting at the same time we are here to have the reorganization meeting. So now his few days has gone to a week. It is just not a few days, now it is a week. And if we tried to bring us in for a Legislative Council meeting and pay all that expense and then four or five days later bring us back again, the general public is going to explode. It is going to cost too much money. We have got to think about that. How much is it going to cost? It is going to cost a lot of money to bring us in and take us back, bring us in and take us back, plus pay the per diem. But the main parts are we are going to lose more time to do our work here on the legislative floor. It will cut down on our committee hearing times because we are booked now eight, ten, twelve bills a day. So it won't give us enough time to do our work. So I would like to ask this body not to support the constitutional amendment. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Shirley Marsh.

SENATOR MARSH: Good morning, Mr. Speaker and members of the