

special election. It said that the City Council of Lincoln had to act on the question of whether to submit the issue to the voters at least 41 days in advance of the election. As a result of some hearing testimony, the committee simply changed that 41 day requirement to read that the issue had to be submitted...that the City Council had to act to submit the issue to the voters within a reasonable time prior to the election. In addition, the bill contains a sunset clause which says if the City of Lincoln does not submit the issue to the voters and have approval thereof by December 31st, 1987, which is two and a half years away, well, it is pretty close to three years away, if it doesn't...no, it is only two years, I can't, my arithmetic is bad...if it doesn't have it by December 31st, 1987, then this authorization dies and that meant that the City of Lincoln has got to move on this issue PDQ and obtain voter approval. If it fails to do that, this authorization dies. Those are the amendments. It has got a sunset clause on the authorizing right, and in addition, it cleans up a little tiny bit of language as to a time line for actually approval of the ballot issue by the City Council. I would move the committee amendment to LB 116.

PRESIDENT: Is there further discussion on the committee amendments? If not...Senator Carsten. May we have order in the Chamber please. Senator Carsten.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Mr. President, I would like to ask Senator Johnson a question if I may. Senator Johnson, what was the basic reason for changing the 41 days to reasonable and what do you interpret reasonable to mean as opposed to 41 days?

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Well, the reason that the time was changed from 41 days to reasonable is that the Election Commissioner indicated that or we had testimony to indicate that it wasn't always necessary for the election office to have more than 41 day notice of the issue to be placed on the ballot. And since it wasn't always necessary, we said why should we marry ourselves to a 41 day time line. We will just use the word "reasonable" and, obviously, reasonable is that which the City Council of Lincoln can negotiate with the local election council, the local election commissioner as being the appropriate amount of time to get the issue on the ballot. That is all.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Okay, thank you.