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trying to elect the judges or cut the judges pay in half, or to put ground water quality in the Constitution so that we have that initiative process also going on. It is very much within the realm of possibility, if we were to split up our constitutional amendments among various committees here in our structure, that we could end up with two dozen or maybe who knows even 30 or more constitutional amendments on the ballot. I think there is a good rationale for having one clearing house, one place where all these things originate in our system, not coming in from 13 different directions because I think this is something that could get out of hand. We've also done some unscientific research on the number of ballots on the issue, the number of proposals on the ballot constitutional amendments and their likelihood in passing or failing. It surprised me, it surprised all of us to learn that the more issues there are on the ballot the better likelihood that they will pass. Now don't ask me to psychoanalyze the voter. I don't know if they get down to that sheet that has constitutional amendments and if there is a whole long sheet with 20 different proposals they tend to all just vote for, more of them, I think a lot of people just don't vote for any of them because they don't take the time. Their attention span in that voting booth is such that they don't want to read all of those things.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Time.

SENATOR RUPP: Also remember there is a danger in these things that we have, oh, Initiative 300 for example, and I'm not picking on that issue, but there were 1,700 words in that initiative that were boiled down to a maximum of 50 words or whatever the law says there has to be on the ballot. We have very controversial, emotional and...

SPEAKER NICHOL: Time.

SENATOR RUPP: ...complex issues reduced down to just a few words that don't really say what the issue contains. I'll just leave it with this, that it is very dangerous, I think, in a constitutional amendment we have the mood sometimes on this floor. I've heard it expressed as you all have, well this is just to let the people decide. This is just to let the people decide. What we are doing here again has no finality. Let's just pass it on to them. I think if we have that mood coming from 13 or 14 different standing committees we are going to see a proliferation of