

first effort in a complicated area is going to be perfect and recognizing, more important, that to save the thrust and the basic philosophy of a major new initiative, statutory initiative, petition initiative, whatever, why changes and accommodations have got to be made to make it work better. Now, the proponents of Initiative 300 who spent all that hard work gathering the tens of thousands of signatures are justifiably very upset at the thought that we would propose a repeal to the voters, and I wouldn't support that. And they are justifiably very upset at the thought that we would propose something to the voters that would riddle it with loopholes, and I wouldn't support that. I don't think that that is fair after just a few short years. But I think what we do need to do is to keep this thing alive, to keep it alive in case we can develop some consensus amendments about changes that ought to be made consistent with the basic philosophy to make it work better. And in that respect I would like to incorporate what Senator Landis said. I think Senator Landis gave an extremely good speech in terms of describing the process that is necessarily going to have to take place before any amendments to Initiative 300 are going to take place, and that is a neutral task force with proponents and opponents and a number of neutral members that will spend a great deal of time, conduct hearings throughout the state, perhaps; hear evidence throughout the state, perhaps; and come up with a number of highly refined, subtle amendments that are going to make the thing work better, that are going to be consistent with a basic philosophy without penalizing other Nebraskans or other legitimate Nebraska based economic activities. I think we are getting a considerable amount of evidence in now even though it has been in operation only a short period of time, that there are a number of other legitimate Nebraska based industries that are being penalized by Initiative 300. Nobody wants that to happen and I think we have got to begin developing responsible proposals to make it work better, consistent with its basic philosophy. So let me indicate that I am supporting tentatively keeping this measure alive, again, not to repeal it; again, not to riddle it with loopholes but so we will have a vehicle there in case in the next...in the remaining 45 days of the session...

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: ...we have some consensus amendments to make it work better. I think even the proponents of