

return to the level of obligation that the citizenry had when we first passed and created this burden. However, we cannot do that at this moment in time without apparently making a comment on 662 or the seat belts. And I don't want to do that. I am going to vote against the kill motion and then I am not going to vote for advancement. I am going to wait for the election to come. I will hope that cool heads prevail and then without the backdrop of these issues undertake a fair, balancing measure...

SPEAKER NICHOL: One minute.

SENATOR LANDIS: ...to determine what level of obligation and commitment should be evinced by the public before the initiative and referendum process puts an issue on the ballot for November and that is why I will be voting against the Abboud amendment.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Rupp, then Senator Hall.

SENATOR RUPP: Mr. Speaker and colleagues, I will respond to a couple of things while they are fresh in my mind. Senator Landis said that he wasn't going to advance or vote to advance the bill. I will let you in on a little secret. I set the hearing of this bill, my prerogative in the Constitutional Revision Committee, I set the hearing at the last possible date. Does that sound to you like I wanted the bill to actually pass this year, the resolution to actually go on the ballot? No, I am going to give you the out here in a few minutes to vote and cast in essence what will be nothing more than a straw vote to recognize if there is a problem here and recognize whether we have the guts to discuss it. Killing will not do that. Senator Lamb said it is not an easy task to gather 27,000 signatures. I would guess that Senator Morehead would say it is not an easy task to get 25 votes three times to pass the seat belt bill. It is not supposed to be easy. The referendum process is not supposed to be easy because it isn't easy to pass a bill. Senator Abboud said the ballot has not been flooded. I think everybody, Senator Lamb included, missed in my comments that I said the problem is not from this day back, the problem, a potential problem, is from this day forth, is from this day forth, and what is to come because, as I said and as you see on one of your handouts, a Professor from BYU that wrote a book on this says, Nebraskans are in step with the national trend toward more use of initiative and