

intending to do before we ever get to a vote on the issue, I just want you to understand very clearly that is the issue we are looking at. It is simple and is straightforward, and I don't buy the arguments that we can't do it with 16, and we should wait for a better route, and that we haven't had the time and so forth and so on. We know very well that we have spent the last several days doing this, tacking bills onto other bills, and what have you. So I don't buy that argument. So I would urge you to unbracket, be up forward, right out front with it, vote yes or no on the issue, and we will proceed from there. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Lundy.

SENATOR LUNDY: Mr. President, am I closing or is Senator DeCamp closing?

PRESIDENT: There are no other lights on. If you want to make an agreement between the two of you.

SENATOR LUNDY: I will take part of it and you can finish up, John. I think, Mr. President and members, that Senator Rupp, the Chairman of the Constitutional Revision Committee, has certainly outlined the LR 311 very well. He has indicated to you the goings on in the hearing, the interest by the National Rifle Association. There are some 22,000 members in the State of Nebraska that belong to this organization. It is not proper in our present Constitution of the State of Nebraska that gives us that clear-cut right to bear arms. This would clear that up and give us that right. I think it is important to try to get it on this year's ballot so that it can be voted on in November. Otherwise, you wait another two years before you can consider it again. Senator DeCamp, would you like to finish the closing, please?

PRESIDENT: Do you wish to finish? You have about four minutes.

SENATOR DECAMP: Just to say this, this is Senator Lundy's last year. This was his major issue. All I am saying is he ought to get a shot at offering it one way or another, and that is all he is asking, and there is a new theory here, and I guess it is the first time I have heard it, and I think it is something to be cautious of. The new argument against doing things is tainted numbers, the tainted number theory of Senator Wesely. LR 16 has a taint, therefore, it can never be looked at, touched, whatever. Good God, fellows, really, even Don knows that is