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it. She followed the directions that were read to her which were included with the ballot, and I think you have that direction sheet on your desk now that was passed out by one of the other senators. Any mistakes that were made were not made by this 73-year-old blind lady. The mistakes were made and did not...the mistakes that were made did not make her vote any less clear. Like Senator Lamb said, we didn't find or we didn't hear of any fraud or any attempts of fraud. You will notice that the directions to the voter on this sheet that you have before you do not indicate that the ballot needs to be signed and not initialed. I bet that 95 percent of us senators could go and vote absentee with an absentee ballot and we wouldn't know whether that ballot would have to be signed or initialed. In fact, I didn't know it because I usually vote at...

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR HEFNER: ...in a booth, and there the election official just initial them. The second absentee voter I want to mention is a 93-year-old woman who lives in a home in Beatrice. The deposition mentions that she has a walker next to her chair. Let me quote to you what she said, "that I couldn't possibly walk down to the auditorium to vote or anything like that, and even to have someone with me, well, it is just easier to do it by absentee voting." And here, again, we are just going to toss that ballot out. And I have several other instances but my time is up and I will be talking again on this this morning.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Hefner. We will now go to Senator Coordsen.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body. This morning we are going to be called upon to make a "monumentous" decision, one that, while it affects two individuals quite directly, affects the State of Nebraska much more directly. And I would caution you in the debate this morning not to allow, if we can, personalities because either of the individuals in this particular case are fine people, people who'd represent the 30th District well. I came to know both of them because we somewhat share the representation of one community and I have confidence in either of these people. Rather the issue we have before us this morning is one that is much, much broader in scope than the election contest alone. It triggered a little niche in my memory and I would like to read to you what I said on this floor on April 25th, 1989, in another