

Reading copy and as I have proposed it to the Legislature, provided that a person could be on the primary ballot for more than one office, unless, unless they were members of the Legislature or in another elective office. There's a unique situation that exists in this body in that half of the members have the opportunity to run for office without jeopardizing their seat in the Legislature, that are those that their terms expire in the off year. But for those of us whose terms expire in the gubernatorial election year we must necessarily give up filing for our legislative seat in the primary if we desire to try for another elective office in Nebraska. The case in point, I think, might be the race for the 3rd Congressional District, in which Senator Rod Johnson had to basically give up his seat, and Senator Scofield and Senator Barrett could run in that race; had they not been successful or not pursued other activities they would have retained their seat and continued to be in the Legislature. I think we're all aware that by not being fortunate enough to come through in the primary Senator Johnson was then placed into an awkward situation of conducting a write-in campaign. And in spite of being placed in a very disadvantageous position, he was successful and was able to return to the Legislature. It appeared to a number of the members of the body or several at least, that LB 20 might be the proper vehicle to address whether we wanted to continue that inequity or whether we wanted to strike those sections of statute that forbid a member of the Legislature or a constitutional officer from filing for more than one elective office in the primary. Now, how this impacts LB 20E, it does not impact the intent of LB 20E, whether or not this specific amendment is attached, should you vote to return the bill. The alignment of language in these statutes with the previously enacted 931 of last year still remains. What the amendment does, if you have your Final Reading copy, would be strike the new language, on page 2, lines 10 through 15, and it would strike all of Section 2. There are some statute references and that sort of thing that are changed, but they are not really part of this discussion this morning. The stricken language, on page 2, lines 8, 9, and 10, and then on lines 16, 17, and 18 would remain stricken in LB 20, amended or not amended version. And that, basically, is directed at people who are not members of the Legislature, who are not a constitutional officer. That stricken language is that language that brings our statutes, in the primary election, into a comparable form with the language that we had in the general election. It was provided for last year in 931. So, with that, I would be certainly available for