

to sanctify being chickenhearted and make us targets for the most powerful special interest groups and we will have tricked the people into amending the Constitution to justify that, to authorize that. And then when it's done we can hide behind the Constitution and say, the constitutional amendment that you voted for created this situation. And that's when they will say, well, why didn't you tell us? And Senator Hall will see that the people really didn't understand the significance of this amendment. I have been to law school and I graduated, didn't have to attend classes to graduate because law school was not that difficult for me. I have read cases since leaving law school. I have argued cases in court, even one before the United...I meant the Nebraska Supreme Court. I lost a case before the U.S. Supreme Court because I hired a lawyer. I didn't hire him, he was hired by the American Civil Liberties Union to represent my position. So I think that I have some facility when it comes to understanding the law. I'm not engaging in false modesty when I say I don't understand enough to vote for this proposition. I honestly don't. If I have been trained in the law and have graduated, have been in this Legislature 21 years and have paid attention to some of the things that have gone on here and I don't understand enough, why am I going to attribute to this mystical entity that we call the people more knowledge and understanding and information than I have when I am in a position to obtain access to it? Have they read the decisions? Have they had all of these studies and this other information made available to them that has been made available to us but which many of us have not had time to thoroughly read and digest and understand? It's easy for the Legislature to say, let the people decide, let the people decide because then the responsibility is not ours. But we do have a responsibility no matter what the issue would be. I would be opposed to our trying to amend the Constitution during the last 10 days of a session of the kind we have had this year. There still are a lot of issues that are on people's mind and maybe to get to those issues this one will be allowed to slide through. The problem is not with the Constitution, the problem is with the Legislature's lack of will. If you are a doctor and somebody comes to you with a headache and you say because the brain is in the head and it takes more to deal with the brain than it does to deal with the foot, I will just chop the foot off and it will do something and it might cure what's wrong with the head. And if doesn't, then I will chop the leg off up to the knee. If that doesn't, then I will chop it off up to the waist. Then I will start on the other side. And that's what