

SENATOR PIRSCH: ...going to be that egregious.

SENATOR WARNER: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I think you ought to listen to what Senator Pirsch said if you get from what she said that you should not support this amendment. A lot of what she said is not correct in my opinion factually or based on the history of how judges in this state sentence. Judges are caught up in public outcry and hysteria as are prosecutors and members of the Legislature. And if there is a particularly unpopular individual the judge will throw the book at that person and we all know that. But nevertheless, this attempt by Senator Withem at compromise cannot bring a clean thing out of an unclean thing. I know that when we've discussed an issue for a period of time people become tired, the sharpness of their mind, if they had that when they came in, begins to diminish and dull and pretty soon things are not seen very clearly and because the senators are tired and are anxious to get away from an issue they think that by taking a decision of a certain type while they're tired is going to settle that for the rest of the session, but that's not true. The senators that you see sitting around here saying let's hurry up and do this and everybody is going to be happy are not the ones who will do anything in the rest of the session, utilizing the rules to make certain that we give adequate discussion to other issues. Old Senator Dierks sitting there with his arms folded conducted what the newspaper called a filibuster the other day. So that can be done by others and he has indicated that if he doesn't get his way on 76, if it ever comes back, he's prepared to battle to the gate and I've expressed that intention on a couple of bills and I really mean it. And while I'm on that subject we're talking about how things are going to smooth out for the session. If the Legislature makes the unwise decision tomorrow to extend the session, it just means that there are additional issues that ought not pass in order that they can be discussed during those four days, too. It would be a waste of time to have only two issues to discuss during a special session. So what the Governor is going to need to do, if he tries to call us into a special session if we don't extend it, is look at all the things that did not pass that he wants and he can include those. But if the Legislature agrees to extend the session how are they going to limit the discussion to only two items? Simple. The Speaker can schedule each item for a certain amount of time and then somebody can move to adjourn and