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hours. Most of you have heard both sides of debate. I appreciate your indulgence in what we've been going through. I've appreciated the comments, the support, and the opposition. Had a good discussion. I expect the same to continue this morning. With that, I think we have several amendments to deal with, and so I will not take any more of the body's time.

SENATOR CUDABACK: (Visitors introduced.) Mr. Clerk, next amendment.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Chambers would move to amend LR 8CA with FA39. (Legislative Journal page 629.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Chambers, to open on FA39.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I have offered numerous amendments to Senator Schrock's proposal. Some of them are whimsical, some of them are as serious as a heart attack. But the purpose of all of them is to show that this LR 8CA proposal contains something that should not be in the state constitution. The contents of my amendments more rationally should have a place in the state constitution than what Senator Schrock is presenting to us on behalf of those who like to hunt, fish, and trap. This particular amendment may seem whimsical. But after "hunting," in Senator Schrock's proposal, I would put the following words, so that his amendment would read: fishing, trapping, hunting, and, my amendment, "sitting on the front porch on a warm summer evening, drinking a glass of cold lemonade, dreamily watching the silvery moon rise to begin its journey across a darkening velvet sky powdered with stardust." Something like that might elevate the quality of the state constitution. But I would never offer that to the Legislature with the request that enough members vote to put it on the ballot so that the public could vote to see whether or not it should be in the constitution. I have had numerous contacts when this language was quoted in a number of articles. And people really liked it. They liked the imagery. It reminded them of things that happened long, long ago. Some embellished it. They described a frame house with several stories, gables, and went on and on. White picket fences, manicured lawns, flower beds, little children, even