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we're going to address that, I swear it. God as my witness, we are going to address that and I've already talked to folks about that. Senator Erdman brought this up to me earlier. Look Mike, nobody has come up to us with any alternatives. Nobody came up on Select File. Nobody said, all right Mike, if not this, then that. Well, guilty as charged. I did think that an alternative was to remove the Chambers language from the original bill and I probably could've skated with LB 1024. But I don't know if that's...clearly, that's not an option now. So guilty as charged. But what I would say is this. Here are our alternatives. We can come back for a special session. I signed that sheet that Pat Bourne had. I signed it...I didn't ask my employer, I didn't ask my wife, but I signed it...to either get rid of the superfluous language that we have a problem with during that time frame or to create other types of framework or whatever we want to deal with this issue. That is an alternative, that's an option. Here is, again, a viable second option. This bill dies. Legislatures all over the country do it all the time. The federal government does it all the time. It is a viable option. Kill this bill. It's available to us. I believe this. I believe if we're going to pass this based on the constraints and the tools that we have as a Unicameral that I talked about, it should take 33 votes to pass this. That's what we have, and I firmly believe that this is the type of reform and a serious enough issue that we should have to go out and get 33 votes. We should have to go get that supermajority, and if we don't, the answer is always this. If the bill fails...if we get the 33 votes, the bill passes, we're going to get sued. If we kill the bill, we're going to get sued. If we leave here and walk out to our car and it's locked, we're going to get sued.

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR FRIEND: If we fall down walking out of here, maybe we could sue somebody. I'm tired of the talk of the lawsuits. Bring them on. But the facts of the matter is, Senator Brashear was right. We make the decisions and one of the decisions right now available to us is to go to 33 votes and make a determination as to whether we want legislation like this out there for 20 new people that we know of coming in to have, to