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Legislature in enacting it, and I would defy the members of this Legislature as a whole to be able to take this bill back to their constituents and explain what they have wrought and why they did it.

SPEAKER MARVEL: You have thirty seconds.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: What you ought to do at the least is to not readvance this bill and give yourself some time to think about it but thoughtfulness has not been the long suit of any legislative body whether at the state, federal or international level. So I have done with the matter.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Schmit, your light is on. Do you wish to be recognized?

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I have to join Senator Chambers in opposition to the amendments because I think you understand by now the amendments are intended to perhaps sugarcoat a very tasteless bill. I think that we should stop and take a look, not only at this bill, but this Legislature has advanced and passed on Final Reading a number of bills of far ranging scope, and as I tried to point out yesterday or the day before, I believe it was yesterday, on LB 190, if we are not careful we are going to be called to account for some of these things. And so I am going to go on record, I think that the passage of this bill is wrong. You are giving people authority which goes far beyond that which you believe you are granting. I think the bill deserves to be killed. I think that to sweeten the bill to the point that it might be acceptable to a few more of us is a mistake. I think the basic injustices, the basis dangers of the bill are still intact and I certainly cannot support it. I would oppose the Beutler amendments and I would oppose the bill. I think Senator Chambers has given you the reasons very emphatically as to why you should, but I want to call your attention once again, we have not debated many of these bills in depth as we should have. They have passed with minimal debate and the time will come when we will be called to explain why, and some of us are going to be found wanting. In the case of LB 205, the bill sets a dangerous precedent and should not be passed. The Beutler amendment should not be added. The bill should be defeated.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Beutler, do you wish to close on your amendment? The motion is the adoption of the amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Have you all voted? Clerk, record the vote.

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