

will be important to the courts in interpreting whether this or that is, in fact, this or that. What is our custom and usage? When we have sent a bill to the Governor in the past the custom and usage if he wished to veto it was to send back to us a letter, not a letter addressed to the Clerk of the Legislature such as this one was today, but a letter addressed to Mr. President and Senators and the letter did not say or talk about whether a bill was passed or not or about specific problems. It always has specific kind of language. It always said returned without my signature and with my objections. If we now depart from that basic format and start accepting back from the Governor letters that say this or that and that are addressed to the Clerk or to the bill drafter or to one of the individual senators, then we are departing from the usage and custom and I think that that is a mistake. I think the courts will look at that in determining whether there has, in fact, been a veto too but I think that we should stay to the beaten path and call a veto a veto and not call something a veto that even the writer of the communication would not have us call a veto. That is how I feel on the substance of the matter but to me the whole situation, this whole constitutional crisis of sorts has really been caused by what can be characterized as none other than a wishy-washy response by the executive officer of this state and it would be a shame from my point of view to dignify his lack of resolve by calling it a veto. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Question.

PRESIDENT: The question has been called for. Do I see five hands? I do. All those in favor of ceasing debate vote aye, opposed nay. The motion is, shall debate cease. Technically, again, we are still under Call. I hate to tell you that but we really are. Record the vote.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 15 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Motion carries. Debate ceases. Senator Chambers, you may close on your motion.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes, thank you, Mr. Chairman. First of all you ought to remember the story of the Emperor's new clothes. These people told him, they had given him this suit, invisible clothes, and he went out and everybody, because they were dealing with the Emperor, turned their eyes away or looked down or looked at him with a blank look and pretended that he was not naked but a child in