

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So what I hope you will do is advance the bill. And this isn't the first time that something like this has been done and it won't be the last time if you do it. You may not do it in this instance but this has been done numerous times and we all know it. So I hope that you will go ahead and advance the bill.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. There are no other lights on. Excuse me. Senator Schmit, your light just came on.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members, we all understand that Senator Chambers is one of the more adept individuals at using the system here and he can usually do it to the benefit of his bills. Senator Chambers will not suffer substantially if the bill is delayed. If the Attorney General's Opinion comes back and says it's fine, I see nothing wrong with it, I will be honest with you, that still does not allay my concerns about the bill. The Attorney General will...I am not sure, I have not seen the letter, but apparently it regards the constitutionality. That is not my principal about the bill. My principal concern is the direction in which we are going and I'm not sure that I want to go in that direction. And so I think, as Senator Warner has pointed out, you have limited your options if the bill moves today and you may or you may not want to do that. If a majority of 25 individuals are convinced that the bill is in proper form and they are willing to stand behind it, then they have every right and even an obligation to vote to advance the bill. But if they have some of the concerns that I have felt and a few of the concerns that have been expressed here this morning, then it would appear to me that it would not be unwise for the bill to stay where it is for a short period of time. There are many, many more bills that are going to be piled up behind this bill. All of us have that kind of a bill to be concerned about. I, very frankly, feel that some of those bills might even be the equivalent of this bill insofar as importance to the people of the State of Nebraska. So I still think that it might even be better, Senator Chambers, for your own moving of the bill, for it to remain where it is at until you get that Attorney General's Opinion. That may satisfy many of the members and, if so, it will strengthen your position. I do not think that it's going to change my opinion of what we ought to be doing as a Legislature in this regard. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. There are no other lights on. Senator Kristensen, would you care to close.