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Journal.) 27 ayes, 13 nays, Mr. President, on the suspension motion.

PRESIDENT: The motion fails. We are back on the bill. Do you have anything further on it, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: I do, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The call is raised.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next amendment I have to the bill is by Senator Chambers.

PRESIDENT: Senator Chambers, please.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman, since it is clear the body wants the bill just like it is, I am going to withdraw the amendments that I have at this time, and it doesn't make me any difference, really, because I think the bill is unconstitutional. Were I an agent, I would just set up, in fact, I may decide to become one myself so that I can challenge the bill. It is foolishly written, very poorly written, and as for the amendments that I have offered, they have been amendments to strike language from the bill so there is not, and I am speaking on the amendment that I have up there, I haven't withdrawn them yet, but I am telling you what I intend to do. They have been motions to strike language which if stricken would help take some of the problems out of the bill. Yesterday when you heard Senator McFarland in great heat talking, nothing that I offered had any validity. This morning he had to admit that contact is something that needs to be defined, and that is one of the first things that I mentioned. And I mentioned, what does it mean, greeting somebody, writing a letter, a phone call, and so forth. So you all are going to be taken down the primrose path and I am going to allow you to. I think I have said enough to separate myself from this activity. You said, Tom Osborne has testified on the bill. Well, he is a coach, not a legislator, so what he testified on was the idea that there is a problem that should be addressed. He didn't tell the Legislature how to do its business, like he doesn't want you to tell him how to coach. He had expected that the Legislature would have sense enough to write a good bill, which it is showing that it does not have sense enough to do, I emphasize, is showing it doesn't have sense enough to do. And those who are trained in the law, who are sitting up here voting for this