

came before us and, Senator Ashford, that's why there could be no adoption of other people's amendments. If you hadn't given permission for there to be an amendment to the bill of the kind that I'm talking about, wherever you place the amendment, that would not be adopted. And to prove it, when we get on Select, tell them you don't want the amendment, you'll take the bill just the way it is, you read it over, you talked to those who support it and the amendment is not necessary and I'll bet you that is what is going to happen on Select and we can get the transcript of today to show it. The word will come down that there doesn't need to be any amendment because to allow one might open it up for others. So I'm still suggesting that we adopt my amendment, although if you do, if you adopt that amendment, it will be consistent, but it will be the funniest thing that has happened in the Legislature this session. (laughter) I yield.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. And the question is the adoption of the Chambers amendment. Those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Record.

CLERK: 2 ayes, 23 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of the amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Motion fails.

CLERK: Senator, did you want that other amendment that you had here then?

SPEAKER BARRETT: It is withdrawn.

CLERK: I have nothing further on the bill, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. The question is the advancement of the bill. Any discussion? Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Mr. President, very briefly, I just, believe it or not I'm not going to vote to advance the bill. I think the bill will advance and I fully expect that to happen, but I do hope to work with Senator Ashford between now and Select File on at least some of the amendments that I think were very much issues that probably the body rejected because they hadn't been talked about prior to discussion here on General File. Again, it goes back to the fact that I was unaware that the bill was coming to the floor today, and I apologize for