

nothing further to the committee amendments.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Back to the committee amendments. Discussion purposes, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, all the amendments that had been drafted cannot apply as the bill has been amended, so I'm going to ask that the committee amendments not be adopted. Unfortunately, people have taken walks on this bill when it has come up. There are people who told me they'd support it, who did not when the vote came, and it's that kind of a situation. Yes, Senator Wesely, really they did, told me to my face, yes, they support me and then didn't do it when the vote came, so I don't want you to look surprised at that. Senator Labeledz's amendment has never been adopted by 25 votes. She has never had a majority of the body voting for her. So what I'm going to ask, because it puts the bill into a state of total confusion now because the committee amendments became the bill. With her amendment it does nothing in the way of creating a procedure by which to accomplish what the bill was designed to do. It's a very shabbily and poorly drafted amendment because its aim was to sabotage the bill, and if we adopt the committee amendments, it will have succeeded, those who drafted it will have succeeded. So what I'm going to ask is that the committee amendments not be adopted, and it will take 25 votes to adopt the committee amendments. So I hope those who are trying to at least give me a chance on this bill, to deal with the issue as the bill laid it out, will vote against adopting the committee amendments.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Baack, committee amendments.

SENATOR BAACK: Yes, Mr. Speaker and members, I also rise to ask the body to reject the committee amendments now because the way that the amendment has been drafted it sets up no process at all. I don't know how Douglas County would move from where they are now to a district election because of the way the amendment is drafted, it sets up no kind of a process. We simply rejected all of the process that was set up in the bill by attaching Senator Labeledz's amendment. So, therefore, we really don't have much to work with now. We've got an amendment that doesn't fit with the bill and we don't have a process set up. We don't know how we'd get from here to there, we have no idea, because the amendment is drafted in such a way that it repealed all of the committee amendments, all of the process set up. Therefore, I