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what he is attempting to do here, but I do have to rub it in in general. Senator Schmit has mentioned that this is a bill that has been tested in court. Others have expressed satisfaction with the drafting, yet here we are amending it and, again, had it not been the browbeating and bludgeoning that I took the body through yesterday, these amendments would not be offered. They certainly would not be adopted. So in a sense, this could be like the example Jesus gave of a dog returning to his vomit, that which was rejected, that which was cast aside must now be accepted as that which is correct. Even with Senator Lindsay's amendments, this is a bad bill and the circumstances that are being addressed by it are not being, in my opinion, properly and fairly addressed by the Legislature. There is no form this bill could take that I would find acceptable and I think those who support it know that. Unfortunately, there are a lot of hangers-on associated with this bill. They are not standing up here praising the bill. They are not standing up here justifying the bill. They are not giving any analysis to show that the bill does a worthwhile thing for society. They are sitting in silence trying to blend in with the background or they have left the Chamber because they are justifiably embarrassed.

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: They put their name on a bill without realizing what it entailed. Having made that blunder, Lincoln once said that if you make a bad bargain, you should hug it all the tighter. That is what they are doing. They are hugging it all the tighter. Were it any other issue, they would have been able to get off but now they cannot. So it ought to be a bumpy, hard ride so they will think the next time before they do this. That is all I am going to say at this point because I have an amendment that I am going to offer to Senator Lindsay's amendment and I think it may have reached the desk by now.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Lamb has announced some guests in our north balcony from Sandhills Public in Senator Lamb's District, we have 20 sixth graders with their teacher. Would you folks please stand and be recognized. Thank you. We are glad to have you with us this afternoon. An amendment on the desk, Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Yes, Mr. President, Senator Chambers would move to amend the Lindsay amendment. (See the first Chambers