

SENATOR SCHMIT: ...prior to the time we knew any of the individuals involved and said this is a reasonable approach. Now we have 10 amendments before the committee on Select File. Ladies and gentlemen, this is not the time nor place to draft a bill, as you know. There are alternatives. If you do not choose to accept what we have done, it is a poor procedure to draft a bill such as this on Select File, amendment by amendment, on a day that we have maybe 35 or 40 members present. Far better that we do nothing, far better that we wait, far better that we go back to those communities, go back to those individuals and say, tell us what you want. If you want to do that, I'm willing. I do not want to pass a bill which does not have broad, general support of the individuals who are most intimately involved. But, ladies and gentlemen, neither do I want to pass a bill which is amended under frustration and intimidation...

SPEAKER BARRETT: Time.

SENATOR SCHMIT: ...and the threat of saying, well, you know, they are entitled to this. I don't think that is the way to do it. I would hope you would oppose Senator Chambers' amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Dierks. The question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do. Shall debate now cease? Those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Please record.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 1 nay to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Debate ceases. Senator Chambers, would you like to close?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes. Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, in a sense what we are doing here today is what I'm requesting that we give the people of Nora the opportunity to do. We are representing those who cannot be here to speak for themselves. That little town wants the opportunity to send somebody of their choosing who can speak for them. If we accept Senator Schmit's rationale, don't be misled by all those compliments, by the way, although they're true, everything he said is true. We don't want that injected into the discussion because it might distract us. But it would be similar to a situation where I bring a lawsuit against you, then I select your lawyer. I determine the theory on which your defense is