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SENATOR LAMB: No, the amendment to...the bill to the...the amendment to the bill, the original amendment to the bill.

PRESIDENT: That's not before us at the moment, but I understand your question.

SENATOR LAMB: Oh, then I should raise this after this amendment has been disposed of, is that it?

PRESIDENT: Yes, yes.

SENATOR LAMB: Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Okay, so far the amendment to the amendment is germane. Now I have 16 lights on. I don't know if all of you want to talk to the amendment, or...Senator Dierks, please, followed by Senator Crosby.

SENATOR DIERKS: Mr. President and members of the body, I do want to talk to the amendment. I might talk around it a little bit, too. I had my light on last night about two hours and never did get to speak because the question was called all the time. I had some difficulties with some of the conversation that went on in here yesterday and the day before. I just wanted to register my feelings about that. I found people very easily bashing school boards and administrators. I want to go on record as taking serious offense at that particular method of doing things. I was a school board member for a number of years, and I felt that I was being chastised a little bit, and it was being done at the expense of another bill or other bills and I think probably because people felt a little bit threatened about that. But I don't believe that that sort of thing should take place here, and I just wanted to register that complaint. I think school boards in this state do an outstanding job. I feel that administrators in this state do an outstanding job and to bash them at the expense of a particular piece of legislation I don't believe is in the best interest of this body. I was reminded at one time, since we've been here, that...last night, since we've been here last night that it's better to...or isn't it more shameful to not vote your conscience than it is to not speak your mind about issues. So perhaps I was a little bit lax in not speaking my mind about the issue. I'm not sure which is more shameful. I would like to remind the body that this has not been my most famous week. I think we started out rather roughly on Monday. I question that people in this legislative