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see that the public is going to see, they're going to perceive it as something that is bad legislation, I don't believe this is the process that we want to put in place or that we want to follow in the future. I just simply can't support this, I hope that enough people remember the way the process is supposed to work, we knew what we were supposed to be doing down here, we knew, those of you that were doing the things you were doing these last days knew what you were doing, you knew these issues were there. This is not suddenly something that, oh, we woke up today and we see, oh my golly, there are all these things that we have to deal with in three or four days. No, they've been there all the time. And we should be able, as adults, to do the things that we know we're down here to do. We're not truant I wouldn't have...when I was a school teacher I children. wouldn't have allowed students to act like we've been acting. I'm ashamed of us. And I know I'm going to vote in the minority today. And, irregardless of how important these other issues are, remember we all knew it. Today is not the first day we knew it.

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR SMITH: So I'm going to vote against the majority on this vote, and I'm sorry, but that is how it's going to have to be.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Crosby, please.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Mr. President and members. Senator Smith, I'm glad you liked "The Far Side", because I do think it describes us pretty well. I watched all week and the last two or three weeks with this maneuvering of the rules, and it's a very, as I've said before, an interesting lesson in parliamentary procedure. And, if you're not paying attention and not learning, it's not certain senators' fault, because they are giving these lessons every day. I'm at the point with the whole session where I could be really selfish and leave today and go see my grandchildren, and I might have a few twinges of conscience, but both of my priority bills are signed by the Governor. So, from a selfish point of 'iew, I could say, well, okay, I've got what I want, and go home. But I don't really think that's what the Legislature is all about is just getting what each one of us wants individually. If ... it's an idealistic point of view, but we are here to try to do something that does progressive and good things for everyone in the State of