

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR SCHMIT: ..an opportunity for the cities who have contracts with their employees to get around the lid. As you know, we cannot on this floor, legally, though it's been done, abridge a contract, and so that bill is also... that portion of the bill is also in deep difficulty. Now there may be attempts made to try to rectify some of those problems, but so long as we continue to talk here today, the longer we continue to talk, the less chance there is that those problems are going to be rectified. So that the question is, what are you going to tell your people back home? That you were so concerned about circling the wagons around Senator Labedz that you did not have the opportunity to tend to your own major pieces of legislation and be sure there were no flaws in LB 1059? Now that...

SPEAKER BARRETT: Time.

SENATOR SCHMIT: ..is not a deep personal concern to Senator Chambers, but it is of concern to many of us. And so the question I want to ask you is this. How much longer do you want to pursue this, because to continue the pursuit delays the opportunity and minimizes the possibility that you can bring about an attempt, at least, to make...

SPEAKER BARRETT: Sorry, time has expired.

SENATOR SCHMIT: ..a correction necessary on LB 1059.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Bernard-Stevens, followed by Senators Scofield and Morrissey, if you would care to speak.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body. Senator Schmit, I'm always intrigued by your debate, and I know of your history in the past with the Legislature being involved in controversial issues, and you're very good. And when you speak, you speak with a perspective that I find fascinating. Some time I'd like to get a transcript of some of your speeches and use them in a class of showing people the tremendous innuendos in things that are said and yet not said, and the reversals that we can make from time to time. And I give you credit, you can get away with those. I don't think I could. One of the things I don't feel real bad about and that's why I made the motion twice today, and Senator Schmit spoke against it both times, the body knew this was coming. The