

**SPEAKER BARRETT:** Thank you. Senator Chambers, followed by Senators Lamb, Lynch, Schmit, Abboud, Hall and Scofield.

**SENATOR CHAMBERS:** Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, I think this is one of the better discussions that we've had because it underscores a point. We don't have enough time, during this session, to give serious consideration to the profound problems that are confronting us as a Legislature trying to represent the interests of the people. We were given a political package. The only reason we're here is because the Governor was getting the lowest ratings in the polls of any Governor in history. She was opposed to a Special Session. And I'm not going to go through the little thing I did the other day, about her and Exon arguing as to the need of a Special Session, but she was on the side saying no. Her political operatives indicated that she's got to do something to...she's not worried about the hemorrhaging of money out of the coffers of any political subdivision, she's worried about the hemorrhaging of support that she is experiencing as Governor who has been told to seek re-election. That's why we're here here, that's why we were called on the spur of the moment. We were not given the legislation, or even the proclamation, which states in general terms the subject matter for us to consider that would put us in a position to have the Speaker set up a seven-day legislative schedule, and we would be forced to rubber stamp what the Governor gives to us. This is a thorny problem, and perhaps time is needed to sleep on it, to think about it and discuss it with others than lobbyists. But we don't have the time because we've allowed ourselves to be shackled and straitjacketed into seven legislative days, because that is what Lola wants and that's what Lola gets. And it's shameful for us to let ourselves be stamped into trying to handle these very serious issues in that fashion. There will be a price to pay in days to come, and I believe we ought to consider that. Senator Lamb said, if we adopt Senator Withem's amendment, it will be telling the people there is no problem out there. Can he say, if we don't adopt Senator Withem's amendment and pass LB 2, that the problem has been solved? No. Nobody who supports the Governor's bills can be made to be so dishonest as to say these bills solve the problem. Nobody has said that. Senator Kristensen gave the example of a child who might be injured as a result of asbestos in a school and other children would not automatically recover. Senator Kristensen knows there is such a thing as a class action suit which will apply to everybody