

SPEAKER BARRETT: Is there any discussion on that particular motion offered by Senator Labeledz? Anyone want to speak? One, Senator Haberman, or, Senator, excuse me, Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. He has Haberman on the brain, Senator Haberman, so don't take offense as I don't. Mr. Chairman, members of the Legislature, this that we have just gone through demonstrates what happens when things are done in haste. I am the one who kept saying we need to deliberate and others said, no, everything is under control. We are under the control of the lobbyists, but we don't have control of our own system. And now because of the haste with which we are attempting to act, we have got to suspend our rules so that we can read these bills today. Our rules, everything about our process is being waived to accommodate the Governor. I want those things into the record because I am going to hammer on them and use them to ridicule and hold this body up to scorn which it so richly deserves. The Legislature has behaved contemptibly throughout and it is contemptible, not because there are differences of opinion. Those things fade into insignificance now. What is contemptible is the fact that we are willing to give up those prerogatives that we have as a Legislature. We are giving up and abandoning our responsibility. I cut short a trip to come back here so that I could be with you today, and it is good that I came back because we once again had the opportunity to demonstrate graphically how careless the Legislature operates, how it will cut corners, and I have the opportunity to say these things because of the way the Legislature collectively behaves. There is no need in throwing a rock, causing damage, and then expecting me not to comment on it, then getting angry when I do comment on it. You all know me, and if you don't, I will show you my Visa card so you can see who I am, but I am not going to be coerced or criticized into being quiet and failing to discharge my responsibility because the Legislature collectively has behaved itself in a simpleminded manner. How am I going to so characterize the Legislature, then do the very thing myself? Where much is known, much is required. I know much so much is required of me. If the Legislature doesn't know much, then it can't do much. If it has got a thimbleful of understanding, you can't expect a cupful of knowledge, and I delight in these opportunities. I delight in these opportunities because knowing full-well what the consequences of various actions will be, those actions are placed. I love to go out across this state