

expressed is a true frustration but it's also the foundation of what makes this government work. And part of what makes our government work is the old separation of powers. It's a delicate balance. You don't want the Legislature to be able to run every facet, to be able to control what the decision of the judiciary is going to be because it's the check, it's the balance. Does that make me angry? Boy, if I was Senator Schmit, I would be so angry at some of the rulings that came out. Senator Johnson is probably angry at some of the rulings that came out. We're all, from time to time, angry. In fact, every case has someone who loses. So, after a while, if you take that, if you're in long enough, as this Legislature may be, you're going to be on the losing side of some case a lot. You're going to lose sometimes. Does that mean the system is flawed? No, it means the system works and it works pretty well. Now, are there spots in the statute where the court doesn't follow the exact language of the law, this per curiam may be one of them? I don't know, that's not a big deal to me. I look for what the decision of the court is, not who signed the name. And it happens very rarely, well, not very often that you have a per curiam. Do I sit there and say, boy, this opinion isn't any good because it doesn't have a signature of a name? No, that's not what it's about at all. What it's about is separation of powers, and that someone checks the jealousy of this body. Senator Chambers checks the jealousy of this body by slowing legislation up, standing up and saying the things that maybe people don't want to hear. That's a check internally. But there's also a check in the system, and that's an institutional check, and that's the courts, particularly the appellate system. And so we all, from time to time, get very angry. We're very angry at the way the courts work, we're angry that we can't always have our way, and we're...and we talk about contempt, well, there is a fair amount of contempt from the judiciary, and it works both ways, that's the way it's supposed to work, it's called separation of powers, that's what makes the system work. With that, Senator Chambers, I'll give you my remaining time, if you'd like it, if you don't, that's fine.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Kristensen. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: How much time remains?

PRESIDENT MOUL: Two and a half minutes.