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has been and will continue to be, notwithstanding the best intentions of Senator Schimek and others to the contrary.

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

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President and members of the Legislature, I would like to ask Senator Schmit a question. Senator Schmit, you said no lobbyist for the vending machines isn't working this bill?

SENATOR SCHMIT: I said I do not know there was. I have not spoken to anyone until I just walked out in the Chamber just a moment ago. I have not spoken to a lobbyist prior to the time that I spoke the first time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Oh, no, not that you...but you are aware that they are working the bill now?

SENATOR SCHMIT: I was not...I was not aware at the time, Senator.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Oh, okay, right. Okay, I was just going to show you from the bill book where that's so. That's all I was saying, to let you know that they are, or he, assiduously. Members of the Legislature, in civics classes in high school, children are given a very idealistic picture of government and the people who fill governmental positions. These people are portrayed as individuals who are devoted to the public good, who are honest, upstanding and will not fold to pressure from lobbyists or other outside groups. We will talk to each other when there is nothing on the line about what is right and proper and how the government ought to function, but then when a concrete issue confronts us and there is a powerful lobbying group or interest backing that issue then you begin to see people cave, you see the knees buckle, you see the heads bow and all of the principles stated in the abstract are done away with and disregarded. This Legislature is not really different from legislatures around the country. There are people with agendas that relate to what kind of job they're going to have maybe after they leave the Legislature, what kind of clubs they can belong to while in the Legislature, what kind of social functions they get invited to or what kind of pressure can be exerted to hurt legislative initiatives they may be responsible for. When you put all of these factors together you wind up with many people who lack courage, who lack conviction, who are