

he may do, but I would think that he would agree with this to take that date out at this point in time. That is what my amendment to the amendment does. It simply wipes out the enacted after December 31, 1992 language. With that, I would urge the adoption of the amendment to the amendment.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Kristensen. Senator Schmit, do you wish to address the amendment to the amendment?

SENATOR SCHMIT: Well, Madam President and members of the body, I would have to I suppose chide my colleagues again because here we are eight-twenty at night, and on the spur of the moment, on the advice of our two legally trained members of this body, we are amending the Constitution in a manner which they believe to be correct. We have, as has been explained by Senators Hall and Morrissey, done a certain amount of havoc to the Constitution thus far, but the Constitution should not be amended in this manner. It is absolutely wrong. The errors we create by statute can be corrected by statute. What we do wrong here will be a really serious problem to attempt to correct. The deliberation, the debate, the argument that normally crafts decent legislation is absent. I am hard-pressed to understand how we can send this kind of an amendment to the people and expect them to have any respect for this body. I really understand, and I appreciate what they are trying to do. They are trying to patch the roof again, but in the event that Senator Lindsay doesn't quite do what he wanted to do, and in the event that Senator Kristensen's amendment doesn't quite do what they want it to do, we open up the entire area for doubt. I had several amendments which I have filed also. One of them, of course, strikes the words "notwithstanding." I abhor the word "notwithstanding any other provisions." I believe it is absolutely unforgivable to place that language in the Constitution. What does it mean? Notwithstanding any other provisions in Article III, Section 18, Article I, Section 16, Article III, Section 4, notwithstanding any other provisions, and then we say, except as otherwise provided. What does that mean? How many of you have read those articles of the Constitution and know what is involved? Those articles, for your information, one has to do with contracts, and another has to do with a proposal against special laws. Gosh, we have done that all the way through this Constitution, and then, of course, we don't even bother to create an exemption in the Constitution for the 775 amendments. We just take them. I don't know what to do. I would like to vote for the amendment to the amendment,