

went and sat down with my staff and I bought them lunch, which was a rare occasion, they remind me of that, and I put together a little piece that is a layman's guide to the constitutional amendment that they're going to be voting on and although it is a little tongue in cheek, it's a fairly accurate representation of what the CA does and I think you ought to vote...or at least read it before you vote on it tomorrow. I don't intend to speak to the issue any more unless there is some kind of radical amendment offered by Senator Schmit that trips my trigger, but I doubt that I'll speak to it anymore. But I think you ought to take a look at what this interpretation is because it's really...I think it's a fair representation. Others may not find it as humorous as I did, may think that it's blatantly unfunny, but that's how I feel about 219CA and how it's going to be adopted into the Constitution if the voters choose to do that. I think the time has come to vote on all these issues. I don't think a suspension motion is necessary, but I do believe it's a point in time to give the CA the opportunity to find out if it has 40 votes, and if it does, it will go on the May ballot, so be it. I don't think that based on past experiences in this body there has been very little of what I would call, I don't think there has been any obstructionist behavior. There has been good healthy debate and any time that we refrain from that, I think we're in trouble. We're in trouble not only as individuals, but as a body and an institution and I think the debate has been healthy. Those who have the votes will prevail, those who don't, won't. And as I think it was Senator Landis said early on in this debate, that there is more than one audience for this performance. All this is is the close of the first act with regard to the issue of who votes on this today. It will be the Legislature today and tomorrow it will then be up to the voters and eventually the courts and I don't think anyone argues with that at all. But I'm going to pass out something for you to take home. I'm going to do it after we vote so that nobody stands up and chastises me today. They'll probably do it tomorrow, but again, I'm trying to improve on my personality as I was advised over the lunch hour and hope you would take it in that vein. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SENATOR CONWAY: Thank you, Senator Hall. Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. Chairman and members, I think the Speaker has done a super human job of keeping the Legislature on schedule this session and I do not really want to delay the issue, but I want to say this. What we are doing here today