

the floor of the Legislature is the discussion they had with Congress. And if we want to do that, I guess that's okay, but there are things that we can impact, there are other bills that we can deal with that do deal with areas that we have responsibility with and that when preemption occurs that's exactly what we talk about is that that's the federal area. Now you may not like that, I may not like that, but that is their area. They have spoke in those areas. They appear, because the bill is sitting in Conference Committee, that there will be...

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: ...legislation passed to deal with this area. Now maybe it isn't as quick as some people want it to be done, but they still address the area. And I go back, the Attorney General's Opinions, I would have to agree with Senator Chambers at some points in time that an Attorney General's Opinion, in and of itself, is nothing more than just that. However, my earlier speech, when I put together the Attorney General's Opinion, I put together the temporary restraining order in Montana, I put together the progress that Congress has made in their dealing with that area, then I put this all together with this is our bill and our attempt to influence, manipulate or do what we can to Congress, quite frankly, I never get to the safety issue which is probably the issue that Congress is more properly at. I see this as being manipulative. And if that's...

PRESIDENT MOUL: Time.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: ...what the body wants to do, so be it. I don't think that that's probably in our best interest at all, the state, and I would resist the motion to pull it to the floor. Thank you.

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

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President and members of the Legislature, everybody who has spoken on this proposition so far agrees, if I've heard correctly, that there are valid safety concerns that are implicated in what we're dealing with here. And we've been told that a bill is in Conference Committee now dealing with this subject. Senator Kristensen indicated that maybe we can't tell the big guys what to do and if it's an area