

have people that are opposed to a piece of legislation you can identify a group. You can sit down with them, you can talk about the concerns. You can deal with amendments. You can deal with understandings, do all of those other sorts of things that you normally are able to do in the area of a bill like this, but have not been able to do it on this bill and it's been a frustration. I know it's been a frustration to a lot of members because there's a lot of misunderstanding about what the bill does. And I think your questions in dealing with it does not deal with specific individuals, it does not...one of the things you didn't ask but I think it's important to clarify, it does not deal with psychiatric or psychological. It deals with abilities to add, subtract, multiply, divide, communicate, understand history, understand the academics. And I appreciate your giving me the ability to respond to those sorts of things. I would be happy to respond to any other questions anybody else might have on either the content of this amendment or other sorts of phone calls that you have been getting on the bill.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Withem. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I would like to ask Senator Withem a question about something...

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Withem.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...he said at the very beginning. Senator Withem, do you think there is, in fact a conflict between the two branches of government created by the way this bill exists right now without your amendment?

SENATOR WITHEM: I do not believe there should be. I am not convinced that the members of the Supreme Court would agree with me.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: All right. And I'm not going to do anything about impeding what Senator Withem is trying to do. But, at some point, the Legislature is going to have to come to grips with the Attorney General because, while talking about the separation of powers, he is trying to usurp the authority of the Legislature, the Governor's office and the only reason he doesn't mess with the courts is because they can put him in line very quickly. But this thing of him writing an opinion which is poorly considered, poorly briefed, not logical, and that becomes a basis for the Legislature backing away from various bills or