

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...changes in the law. You all go sit back and act like you all shocked. Some of you all have said worse things than I'm saying here, and you know it needs to be said and it needs to be said openly and publicly and in our arena, but who else will say it. Who else will say it? Who will stand up and disagree with the need for this to be said even though you might say it in a different way? You all can be buffaloed and pushed around, but I won't be. And when we pass legislation and the Attorney General will select somebody who may have worked for him in a campaign or something like that to defend the bill, that's like Jesse James telling Frank James he's going to put him in charge of the bank to make sure that the money is there tomorrow. And then they hire security guards, the Dalton Brothers. What kind of nonsense is that? We have to draw a line and say, this far and no further. Senator Withem, I'm not asking...

SPEAKER BAACK: Time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...you to draw the line on your bill but I use this opportunity to say some things that I think needed being said. And now that the body politic has been purged, I will sit down.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Anyone else wishing to discuss the amendment? Senator Withem, would you like to close?

SENATOR WITHEM: Yes, Mr. Speaker, members of the body, if nothing else, I am very pleased I brought this amendment because I enjoyed hearing those remarks and I appreciate those very much, Senator Chambers. I...and to clarify, this is an issue that regarding legislators sitting on branches that are housed within the executive branch, even though they aren't carrying out executive powers, has been an issue we have been wrestling with for the last 12 months, since the time that a local newspaper began editorializing on behalf of a purist interpretation of this, and I had been, up until this time, feeling that we ought to resist that, that the importance of having legislator input into these processes is valuable enough that we should take the risk. This AG's Opinion though did, in fact, quote the Conway decision and the Conway decision, in my opinion, was wrong and was an extremely overly zealous interpretation of separation of powers. But, given the fact