

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Thank you, Senator Elmer. I have a number of speakers, I'll go through the list and see if you wish to speak to the Elmer amendment to the amendment. Senator Chambers

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, I would like to take a shot at answering Senator Elmer's last question. Senator Elmer, those exemptions that we're talking about, basically, would relate, I think, to 775. And we're dealing with that because there are powerful people who can bludgeon the Legislature, but those who own land are not in the same position, they don't have the same status and they're not about to get the same kind of consideration. The two types of property are different and we know it, but also who owns them and who has power would be different. But there is something else that I'm thinking about here now. I had been dormant, Senator Lamb, as far as participating in the discussion for most of this special session. And I think you would agree with that. And now that I've sat here and listened, and we're getting into the tail end of the session, we're starting to stay late, I'm starting to have certain spirits to move through my system again. And I was just examining our cloture rule, and at each stage of debate there has to be at least eight hours before anybody can move for cloture. So I have a few amendments which could easily...this would be...this would be duck soup for me to talk from six-thirty until midnight, and I could get help on some of the amendments that I'm offering. I don't want LR 1 to pass, period. And as I see various other ones who are opposed to it starting to knuckle under and get weak-kneed, and they're going to capitulate, LR 1 may pass. I'm debating with myself whether I would be justified in using five and a half hours for the worthwhile purpose of protecting the public as I view it, since the rest of the body has used all of these days, spinning wheels, going nowhere, doing not much of anything. I'm just not sure right now what I ought to do. So if, as others begin to speak, you have a suggestion, and it's not the wrong one and it doesn't alienate me, I may accept the suggestion. So think well, be cautious, I have an open mind and I'll be as reasonable as possible, under the circumstances.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Wesely, on the Elmer amendment. Senator Lamb. On the Elmer amendment? Senator Hall. Senator Ashford. Senator Warner. Senator Bernard-Stevens. Senator Schimek. Senator Johnson. Would anyone else like to speak on the Elmer amendment to the amendment? Seeing no one, Senator Elmer, to close.