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occasion arises because I know what some of the alternatives are and I think that all of us need to remember that. I don't want to take up all my five minutes. I just didn't get to finish everything I wanted to say last time. I don't think this amendment is going to be adopted, but I think the discussion is good and I think that it doesn't hurt us to have it once in a while. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Schimek. Senator Wesely. Still not in the Chamber? Senator Witek, you're recognized to close.

SENATOR WITEK: Senator Withem, members of the body, I appreciate, first, the time that some of the senators have taken to make comments on this issue. I thought we'd just...nobody would get up and everybody would leave, but I am going to call for a call of the house and a roll call vote on this. I hope you listened very well to Senator Chambers and felt the same sadness that an individual would think that this is the way of the world. I'm not naive. I probably read people as well as Senator Chambers, pretty darn close, pretty close, and I know when you talk and I know how you...I know what you're doing when you do it on the floor most of the time and probably a lot of us do, although the public hasn't quite figured a lot of this out yet, but two years of it I do figure it out. And I think the reason that I can't dislike you the way so many people do is because there's that portion of me that feels so sad that you sincerely believe what you just said, and it's just amazing. It's too bad and I'm not going to try to change your mind because I know you don't like that when people try to change your mind but I hope some day you will see the goodness maybe and not all the bad. And I don't know what changed that, but there's a lot of goodness in this body. I agree with that, Senator Schimek, a lot of good things happen here and there's a lot of good people here and I know about a representative democracy and I still feel, after thinking of all these things and listening to people, that this is what should happen, that we should do away with the secret ballot because these are the people that those people, maybe some of them don't care, maybe the majority of them aren't paying close attention, but I know that that's changing and a good number of people are watching C-SPAN an awful lot more than they used to and there's a good number of people within the bodies themselves now that are willing to show themselves, good, bad, ugly, whatever, and share that with the American public because I think the more people