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that know what goes on down here and how it goes on down here and how their people vote and become involved in that entire process the better off our entire country will be. I see us moving in a great direction now in this country and it's not because people, you know, they try to figure out what happened in the last election and how this all happened, these changes. If they had been in my discussion groups that the PTOs and waiting for your kids after school and all these other groups that I talked to, they would have known that this was coming, that this was going to happen because people are getting more interested in their democratic process. They realize it is the responsibility of birth in this country to become involved in this process and they are being more responsible and they are watching what goes on down here, and I think maybe the timing for at least discussing getting rid of the secret ballot is good here. Maybe I won't get these votes. As Senator Chambers said, it's ridiculous of me to even try, but I am going to try because I think that there was a lot of people in the last election and a lot of people that I talked to who want open, honest government. I promised it when I ran for the Legislature two years ago. I will continue. It's not about how somebody will feel. It's not about how an individual, Senator Maurstad or anybody will feel on this floor. It's about how the people that elected us to be here, that pay for us to be here, that work hard to earn the money to pay for us to be here, about what they expect out of us and to let them know that I, at least, was willing to try to share with them...

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR WITEK: ...this portion of the legislative process that at this time is a secret ballot, but I'm hoping that will change at some time in the future and people maybe far in the future once it's changed will say, why did they ever want to vote by secret ballot, you know, why didn't they want people to know how they voted on that? So this is the beginning maybe, but it's at least starting in a direction of hoping that people will see that this is what would be good for the Legislature and I still will ask for those votes in favor of this amendment. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Question initially is, shall the house go under call? All in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. Record.

CLERK: 14 ayes, 1 nay to go under call, Mr. President.