

teachers at the school looked at this and said why we want senators to read the bills before they vote on them. We are not going to do away with that provision, having a different understanding of what Final Reading is and what actually takes place. I think now there probably is a better understanding and I think that...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SPEAKER WITHEM: ...the people might be a little better educated and if they don't, if they want us to keep this provision in the constitution, then that's what a constitution is for, is to limit government and if they vote not to give us this authority, then the people will have spoken. But I think it's time to take this issue back to the people and I plan on supporting it. If there's any members that have any questions about procedure and process that I started my remarks with, I'd be happy to respond to those.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Withem. The Chair recognizes Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President, members of the Legislature, and, Senator Withem, Senator Withem, I'm not going to do any finger-pointing this morning and I want you to know that. Members of the Legislature, this is an issue that we had battled on last session and it passed the Legislature. I am opposed to it now as I was then and during our discussions, myself, Senator Kristensen and others, there were some accords reached which moderated the original proposal into the one that you have before you today. I'm going to vote against it as I did in the past, but I'm not going to refight that battle because it cannot be won and the record is clear as to what we had to say. I do not believe that the public is going to vote in favor of this proposition and I want to make it clear also that the mere fact of this having passed before and being before us again, and my voting for this one, does not mean in every such case I would vote for it simply because it had passed. But this is one of those issues on which I don't think anybody's opinion will be changed. I will vote against it. I am going to ask for a record vote and unless Senator Kristensen, prior to his closing, says something which is extremely provocative, I have made my last comment on it.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Is there any