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severability clause and the entire thing will come tumbling down. So what I see constructed before us so far is a house of cards and I want to build into that house of cards, with the assistance of those who are blindly supporting this bill as it is drafted, a mechanism whereby...

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SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...the house will fall inwardly upon itself from its own weight. Notice, in my opinion, is important. The bill requires notice to be given to certain entities of government and others who are important enough to be given that notice. The bill even provides for a public hearing, but it doesn't say how the public at large is to be notified or even those landowners and residents within the area affected will be notified. So we have a sham and a shell and if those supporting it want to keep it that way, such they will be able to do because they have the votes, but there is going to be some discussion to compile a record.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator. Is there any further discussion on the Coordsen amendment? Senator Chambers, you have spoken three times already. Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: I'll yield my time to Senator Chambers.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President, and thank you, Senator Bernard-Stevens. What I wanted to say is that because of the position that I hold on this particular matter, I'm going to vote against Senator Coordsen's amendment. I would have been willing to go along with these kind of things as temporary measures if Senator Withem had agreed to go along with it. Then we would have had before us something that neither he likes nor something that I like and then we would come to the table and try to bring ourselves together, our respective battling positions. But Senator Withem has prevailed upon a majority of the body to leave the bill in a form that I cannot support and, again, I'm just one vote, so you will be able to move this bill. But I think it would be wise to consider whether it's worthwhile to win a momentary victory by showing you can run up votes on a