

constitution which has no bearing whatsoever on this. Then the court reads the statute as the Legislature wrote it. And the court could say the Legislature did not understand what it was saying, that it was unnecessary to tie it to this provision which has now become incorporated as a part of the legislation and had they not done so the bill could survive. However, it is not for the court to rewrite legislation. It is not for the court to tell the Legislature that it behaved in an unwise manner. It is for the court to look at what the Legislature put in the law that it passed and make a determination as to whether that comports with the constitution. If it does not, no matter how well-intentioned the legislation, no matter what wholesome purpose it may accomplish, it was enacted in a way that does not follow the constitutional requirement for the passage of legislation and it would be struck down. They didn't need to put that in here and I tried to do something about it, but they didn't want anything done about it, they insisted it had to be here. They could have made it as a suggestion in their findings.

SENATOR CROSBY: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Then it has no operational import and it would not govern how the bill has to be construed, but again, they didn't care about that. I wanted that in the record. Maybe they will want to take this bill back and make some cosmetic changes because I believe if the bill were brought back for any purpose, that purpose would be achieved and there would be enough votes to send it right back to Final Reading and expedite it. But again, if they're so anxious to move it, I want to call attention to some serious flaws that I perceive in the bill. I want it made a matter of record so that if there is a challenge to it, it will be clear that some of us tried to do something about these things.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Withem.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Members of the body, I rise to basically just give my time to Senator Chambers if he has further questions or further points that he'd like to issue.

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes, Madam President, Mr. Speaker, I'd like to ask you a question. Have you had a chance to...