

be a witness on account of his religious beliefs; but nothing herein shall be construed to dispense with oaths and affirmations; religion, morality, and knowledge, however, being essential to good government." You hear the Constitution saying that...

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SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...knowledge is essential to good government? How can we, as members of the Legislature who took an oath to uphold the Constitution, have the word knowledge in that Constitution and have that knowledge declared to be an essential part of good government and we do not exemplify the knowledge necessary to enact wise legislation? Knowledge was touched upon, of the kind that we need, through some comments and questioning from Senator Brashear. If this LB 168, and others have pointed out, does not change the substantive law, and it doesn't, there is no need for it, but with reference to property rights and so forth. But what it does do is impose substantial burdens on state agencies, so it is not totally without impact. It has no impact on property rights, compensation...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...for taking and so forth.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Seeing no further lights, Senator Chambers, do you wish to close?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes. I'll finish that comment that I was going to make. What the bill would do is impose these burdens on state agencies. The burden is so inappropriate because we're not giving guidance to the state agency as to how it should be carried out. It would be like somebody who has a child who is being taught to cook and the child is told, I want you to bake a cake and I want you to put all the ingredients in the cake that go there, and the child looks at the parent and says, what are those ingredients? And the parent says, well, I don't know. The child says, well, what is a cake? And the parent says, I don't know. And the child says, well, if you don't know what a cake is and you don't know what the ingredients are, why are you telling me to bake a cake and include all the ingredients? The parent says, because I'm your parent, I'm bigger than you and I