

will do and that's why I only lay it out the way they usually say they will behave, but there have been instances where I've disagreed with them not severing something...

SENATOR WITEK: Sure.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...and cases where I disagreed with where they did sever. So it would ultimately be the courts determination as to whether, despite what the Legislature said, this part is integral enough to the rest of the bill, based on its subject matter, to strike it all down if this is stricken.

SENATOR WITEK: And you're saying if the United States Constitution has established the electoral college and does not bind the electoral college in any way, which it does not, that we as a Legislature cannot bind the United States Constitution even if they adopt this language.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Right, I don't believe that we can restrict by a statute prerogatives that these people have by virtue of the Constitution of the United States.

SENATOR WITEK: Thank you. I hope people will consider, before you just go ahead and vote for this, what was just said here, and I'm glad it's on the record. It hadn't occurred to me because I admit to not having enough knowledge of the constitution, although I've learned an awful lot more about it this year. And I got a phone call the other night from someone telling me that nobody should be elected until they have that thing memorized. So I don't know how many years that would take, but it would sure cut down on people running for elections. And I'm starting to agree, to a point, to that, that there is a very... a large lack of knowledge on what comes before us so that when we go ahead and adopt something, or I'm not going to adopt this, but if we do adopt something like this we leave what we want, which is LB 65, which has created great battles here in the Legislature, what I hope the majority wants, we leave that open by adopting this amendment to the possibility of striking it down in court, or at least taking it into the court system where it probably will be rendered ineffective anyway if it runs through the next presidential cycle. So I hope people will consider that before they vote for this amendment,...

SENATOR CROJBY: One minute.