

today. So the argument that LB 65 will be unconstitutional because this is added is faulty because the law exists today. What we are doing is amending a bill to, basically, strike out the deleted language which would keep the current law in effect. Let's just say by a far stretch of the imagination that the faithless elector amendment, which is in law today, happens to be unconstitutional. Obviously, it is so severable because it passed and was inserted on a bill that occurred a couple of years ago. So if anything, that law is the one that is unconstitutional, not this one, because that particular subject has been on both sides of the issue, it is clearly severable, and that you can't, by keeping current law, you can't declare this law unconstitutional. It just doesn't fit. So the fear that you may have about it being unconstitutional I think is...it was a nice smoke screen by Senator Chambers. I like the idea that he and Senator Witek have decided to dress today together so I can tell who is together and who is not, and, Senator, I assume that is done on purpose, and with that, I will begin to look for that as a clue as to who in the future will debate what issue. Just don't call me and tell me what you're going to wear in the future. With that, I certainly appreciate the amendment, and would urge for its adoption, and then return to Final Reading. Thank you.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Kristensen. The question is the adoption of the Withem amendment to LB 65. All those in favor vote aye, opposed no. Record, Mr. Clerk. A record vote has been requested. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: (Read record vote. See page 1540 of the Legislative Journal.) 34 ayes, 2 nays, Madam President, on the adoption of the Select File amendment.

SENATOR CROSBY: The amendment is adopted. Senator Maurstad.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Thank you, Madam President. I would move to advance LB 65 to E & R for engrossing.

SENATOR CROSBY: On the motion to advance, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President, members of the Legislature, I had said when I first started talking that I would vote to bring it back, put the amendment on, and send it back so that those who want this bill can have it in the form they want, even though I disagree with this provision just added, but I want to