

is that, though we need to pay attention to opinions, we need to use them as guidelines, we, as a Legislature, need to set our policy. We can't simply every time we get an AG Opinion...and I don't care who the AG is, we can't simply all of a sudden rush, or who he or she would be, that's correct, Senator Kristensen, we can't simply rush and say, my gosh, we'd better change it. Our role as a Legislature is to make what we believe the best policy decisions and then if somebody wants to challenge it, the court then will do their jurisdiction in their branch of government and tell us whether or not that policy that we did whether it was constitutional in their judgment or not. Senator Schimek has the clause on there the...what's the phrase of it, DiAnna, I want to say the excommunication clause, severability clause, which is, I guess, the legal way of excommunicating a part of a bill. And so, at that point, we have that portion already in the bill. I think we need to set the policy and the policy I think is already there in the bill, I'm comfortable with that. No one has shown me where it is bad policy in the bill to do that where it needs to change, therefore, I don't see this as an improvement, rather with the substantial compliance, if I knew that every Secretary of State was going to do it and if I had confidence in the book and I knew it had some legal standing, I might be comfortable with the substantial compliance, but...

SENATOR LINDSAY: One minute.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: ...I don't know what that means.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Thank you, Senator Bernard-Stevens. Before we move to the next speaker, we have guests in the north balcony, 26 eighth graders and their teacher from Kirn Junior High School in Council Bluffs, Iowa. Would you please be welcomed by the Legislature, please stand and be welcomed. Thank you. Senator Kristensen.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Mr. President. Members of the Legislature, Senator Bromm, I want to run through this with you a little bit because I don't think I'm in favor of this amendment and, Senator Bromm, would you be available for some questions?

SENATOR LINDSAY: Senator Bromm, would you respond?

SENATOR BROMM: Yes.