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LB 712A, 712

SPEAKER WITHEM: You've heard the motion. Senator Chambers, your light is on. Call will be raised, by the way. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, I don't like 712, I don't like 712A, they squelched everything with their cloture motion, which they can do, but the amendments that I have up there will follow the bill to Final Reading and I will have additional amendments that I'm going to offer. So the fact that you got cloture today does not mean this issue is over. And if this becomes the tactic that is used to get bills to Final Reading, then I will just make sure that my amendments will follow the bill. But I'm going to discuss these matters. And I think the rush to try to get this bill moved is inappropriate. The body has decided overwhelmingly that it disagrees. Time is becoming of the essence and poorly crafted legislation is moving. One thing I made a mistake on, and I talked to Senator Stuhr about this. I offered an amendment to strike some very bad language from the bill and the amendment was adopted. I should not have done that because this amendment dealt with an order that would be issued by the court. And because the language was in that provision and the language was unconstitutional, that whole portion of the bill would have gone down. Senator Matzke feels that the bill is in fine shape, obviously. Senator Wesely feels the bill is in fine shape, I don't. There's one amendment up there that I'm going to withdraw because I think if that language stays in the bill it can flay the bill to such an extent that it will raise a constitutional cloud. And the point is being reached in my scheme of things where some of these bad bills have to be allowed to go through as they are. The introducers often arrogantly determine that unless it's somebody that they approve of, an amendment is of no value. I raised Cain about the issue of allowing the mother to revoke her consent just to stop the father. But when I raised the issue no validity. When Senator Matzke's friend, Senator Bromm, raised the issue, all of a sudden, very same thing had validity. I'm going to stop calling these things to you all's attention. Certainly the collective wisdom of 48 should be more effective and better than that of 1 embattled senator who had been serving as a sieve for this bad, atrociously drafted legislation that we've been confronted by. I know that those who are interested in LB 712 and 712A are very desirous of getting this show off the road or on the road. Patience is a virtue in the legislative process. Impatience is