

adopt this amendment. But if there happens not to be enough votes, tomorrow is another day. Next year is...

SENATOR CROSBY: Time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...another session.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Warner, on the Chambers amendment.

SENATOR WARNER: Madam President, and members of the Legislature, briefly, I rise to oppose the amendment. As I've indicated when this general area was discussed earlier, this language is in there to give some guidelines that ought to be considered. Obviously, if you were going to literally balance a group of seven, even beginning math I think you know that that can't be done. So you consider these areas, and I think it is appropriate for consideration of all of them, and I would hope the body would not accept this amendment as I've...by striking the language does not make the bill any different particularly, but I think it is a guideline that is appropriate for any appointment, and I would hope the body would concur in that and leave the bill as it is in this area.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Warner. Senator Schimek on the Chambers amendment.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, Madam President, members of the body, I reluctantly rise in opposition also to the Chambers amendment, and I do so because I think too oftentimes in the past we've left out any reference to balanced representation, and sometimes the results haven't been exactly what we had hoped or expected. So, Senator Chambers, I voted against your first amendment because I didn't see how it was possible to absolutely balance, as you have already pointed out to this body. If you are going to absolutely balance, you have got to change the numbers, you got to be more definite about what party affiliation is, you've got to explain age, how you would balance something, what would be the categories, all those kinds of things. Geographic areas, I think they all would have to be more explicit. So I couldn't support your first amendment even though I agreed with what you were trying to do, and I can't support this amendment because I think it is very important that we leave this in. Senator Chambers, I think it is very important that we leave this in.