

more intensely because they have a shorter period of time in which to beat your brains out and cow you into submission, and they will do it. If, by amending the constitution, you could improve the quality of legislator, I would do it. But term limits, shortening, lengthening the session, none of that is going to do anything. Why do you always have to amend the constitution and complicate something so that the public doesn't understand it, the legislator...Legislature cannot administer it, when you could do it within what we do now? We meet 90 legislative days during one year, 60 legislative days the following year. We can parcel those days out through the year however we choose. So come into session the first day, elect representatives or whatever you call these people who rule and lead us and who are going to be given tyrannical power, if he or she happens to be the Speaker, and then recess and let all this stuff be taken care of that you say needs to be taken care of. Then come back and introduce bills, then recess again. But you want to change the constitution. I think more of the constitution than that. I do not believe it ought to be changed on whim, I don't think it ought to be changed by the Legislature flying by the seat of its pants, but I only have one vote so I can't stop it, but I'm going to ridicule that process. We're not meeting as a committee of the whole to review the constitution. What we're doing is just throwing darts on a board, or better yet throwing pieces of clay at a target, some stick, some don't, some stick on the wall, some hit our colleagues out side the...

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...head and we're distracted. None of this though that's being talked about makes any sense to me. You've changed rules because you've said we don't have enough time. Well, I can put things together. If you reduce the number of days you're going to further restrict and constrict what we can do by saying now the rules need to be even tighter. You've got to give even more power to the Speaker so that he or she can serve as the mother of us all, because there are certain things that have to be done and we don't have enough days to do it, because some people want to discuss these things seriously. Preposterous! Incredible! And I am incredulous.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Vrtiska, followed by Senators Pedersen, Schimek and Chambers.