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is by pulling their professional license, then you've got to be able to say, if a mistake is made, as you have said in the bill, you've admitted that you think that there's an opportunity or a chance that a mistake will be made, then you have to do more than just hand their license back, you have to hand them their life back, you have to give them an opportunity to get their life back together and their business back together because, God forbid it, by the grace of God it should happen to any of the individuals on this floor who are voting for this piece of legislation and just kind of pushing it through one stage after another without any changes to it. If you would be in that situation at any time...

SENATOR CROSBY: One minute.

SENATOR WITEK: ...in your life, you would definitely like the opportunity, as politicians often do, to answer charges that are made by someone else. Someone else makes a charge to you in an election that you know was false, it's not true, you like that opportunity to go ahead and answer that charge. Well, that's what we should give this person without having, we've taken away their professional license, we've taken away their means to an income, and now they have no way to get their reputation back or to put an article or an add in the paper or whatever it takes because they have no money. So what I'm saying is we should give them an opportunity to get that all back together. It's the same language that is used, it's mirror language from the language that's used in the section that it would change, and all it would do is give those individuals a cause of action. And I would hope that you'd find this a completely common sense amendment and vote for it. Thank you.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Witek. We are under call and we are waiting for Senator Elmer and Senator Robak. Senator Witek says we may go ahead and vote. The question is the adoption of the Witek amendment to LB 592. All those in favor vote aye, opposed no. We are voting on the Witek amendment to LB 592. Have you all voted? A record vote has been requested. Record, please.

CLERK: (Read record vote. See pages 541-42 of the Legislative Journal.) 20 ayes, 16 nays on the amendment.

SENATOR CROSBY: The amendment fails. I will raise the call.