

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you Senator Beutler. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President, members of the Legislature, I know my colleagues and I understand them so don't you all get upset when I have a set-to with one of my colleagues. How in the world are Senator Beutler and I going to be this close to each other, I mean geographically speaking all these years without me learning something about him. I probably know more about him than he does me because I have to study him, he is in a position of power and I am not. He is a chairperson, I'm a plebeian, a plebe, so it is essential that I understand everybody on this floor. But to get back to the issues on this bill, I asked a question and I'm going to ask Senator Beutler again. I'm not talking just about this idea of using the drivers license for enforcement of these orders because as it has been pointed out over and over, other states have done it. What I was asking you Senator Beutler was if the Governor's Office participated in the drafting of this amendment that we just adopted. That was the only question that I was asking you.

SENATOR BEUTLER: The answer is "no".

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay. And that wasn't painful at all. Let me tell you all something. You can compare what we do, some of us, to what doctors do. I have been telling you about Machiavelli because I see the year of politics is requiring that someplace in his writings it seems that I remember him saying that doctors cut us, they burn us, they provide other painful remedies, yet whether they cure us by means of love or force we respect them and accept what they do. Whenever we are dealing with complex, difficult issues that go to the heart of what this society is supposedly is about and we have differing opinions and people on the various sides of the question strongly hold those opinions there is going to be some, figuratively speaking, blood letting. I will be the last one standing in every encounter. Maybe you will vote cloture and then you will go rest and relax and recuperate but I will still be here battling the next issue that comes up. This one I find particularly troubling because it is limited to those hold a license. You are not finding a parallel type of sanction to impose on other people similarly situated who are not paying their child support while being able to pay it. That is what is so pernicious about the amendment that you just adopted in addition to your not knowing what is in it. Now, this drivers license that a person lost was