

And I can see it being like a Peru, maybe, or a Curtis, or something like that where it keeps coming up again and again as to what should be done with it, whether it should be done away with entirely or whatever. And I can see that becoming a fight. And without that constitutional protection I think it's a very vulnerable entity, and in fact Senator Brown has outlined for us what she envisions for it, which means that it probably will be kaput in few years. And lastly, I guess, my concern is, will the people realize what this amendment really means once it's on the ballot? It just says, you know, that it's...that all references to the Public Service Commission will be removed, and I'm sure that there will be a lot of editorial writers that will tell people what it really means. But I'm not sure I'm positive what it means. And once this amendment passes...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: ...then I guess do the people realize that the Legislature then would have the vote on whether to do away with it or not? I just ask these questions and hope that further conversation will elicit some responses. But I really don't, in the final analysis, see that this bill is necessary. I think that what we could accomplish changes in the function for the PSC without taking it out of the constitution. If you want to take it out of the constitution, if you want it spread among the bureaucracies then I think that you do away with the accountability that's so important and without the identifiable source for people to consult when they feel that they have not been treated fairly by any of these entities that are governed by the PSC. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Schimek. Senator Maurstad.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Thank you, Madam President. I don't want to start out the week dipping my toes into the wrong pond, and so I certainly don't want Senator Chambers to misinterpret my comments here, because I guess in my...my thought process right now is that I still, as I've expressed on some other issues, have a lot of confidence in the Unicameral and the Unicameral system, and am not... So I'm basically saying I'm not quite buying into his argument yet that we don't have the forthrightness to do what's correct in these issues, if in fact we had to be more involved in the types of things that are being discussed in the PSC now. And I'll use Senator Chambers as the