

SENATOR BROWN: Thank you, Senator Chambers, for giving me a chance to respond to that. It probably depends on one's perception. Since this is the first bill that I've had that's gotten this far, it's either the terrible or the very best one.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: (Laugh) Statecraft in action. This amendment, just so that you know what it is, would strike reference from the constitution to the Attorney General, State Treasurer, Auditor of Public Accounts, and the Board of Regents. I would request that you either vote yes or be shown as not voting. Some of you, however, may think that they should stay in the constitution, so I suspect there will be some red votes, but I would like there to be an ambiguous, unclear vote so that no definite conclusion can be drawn, and people would be aware of the fact that we are looking at something more than just the Public Service Commission. I am not going to accuse Senator Brown of carrying water for special interest groups, so I want her to know that the remarks I make are not referred to her as the one carrying this bill, but I do believe there are groups which would like to see the Public Service Commission crased from the constitution because they know then their job...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...is much easier. So regardless of what you do with my amendment, I hope you will not vote to advance LR 41CA. Senator Brown asked you to move it on over to Select File so that it will still be alive when some kind of report is completed and presented to the Legislature. I hope we will not do that. I hope we will not advance it. I hope somebody puts a kill motion on it and we go ahead and eliminate this proposal from our consideration. But in the meantime, what is before you is the amendment that I offered.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Beutler, to speak to the Chambers amendment.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Madam Lieutenant Governor, members of the Legislature, I would admit, first of all, to some mixed feelings on this bill because I think that both in terms of the arguments for efficiency and the arguments for flexibility in the future, that those are things we have to pay close and special attention to. And, in fact, I would be in favor of reducing the number of