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move on to Select File. Senator Abboud is the one who introduced this bill and we've had conversations. I would say Senator Witek is lying, except I don't know that she is aware of my conversation with Senator Abboud. But she totally, falsely misrepresents my position when she says I suggested to her I'd badger this bill for how ever long a time. I'd just made that determination when I talked to Senator Abboud this morning and he told me that the type of amendments I'm trying to get to make sure all these offenses are sexual could not be accepted because of the federal government. It was at that point this morning that I told Senator Abboud that I was going to do everything I could to stop this bill then. I don't have any other amendments up there prior to the ones that I offered this morning. I had one amendment. And because I wanted to be certain that it went to something that I thought was important, I didn't just take it up. I pulled it so that I could be sure of what the amendment did. And then I talked to Senator Abboud about it. And I offered a substitute amendment. Is that what somebody would do who's trying to do everything to stop a bill? I'm trying to reach an accord with Senator Abboud and that is impossible. So I'm going to now do everything I can to stop this bill because the form it's in is irrational. All that my language will say, for those who have paid attention or may have an interest in it, and so that it's crystal clear for the record, is that in the cases involving kidnapping and false imprisonment, it must be done with a sexual intent or purpose. And Senator Witek and all these women groups in the world can come here and say rape is a crime of power or whatever they want to say it is, is still a sexual offense. There is no question about it. It's dealt with, it's labeled sexual assault.

**SPEAKER WITHEM:** One minute.

**SENATOR CHAMBERS:** So the law, through its language, makes clear the type of conduct we're talking about. She wants to inject some smoke and mirror misunderstood sociological mishmash and hocus-pocus to get the Legislature to pass a law that is irrational. If you think about the language that I'm offering, you will know that it is reasonable, it is an attempt to reach an accord with Senator Abboud. It leaves the words into the law that the federal government ordered him to leave in. But it allows the Legislature to show that it has some understanding of what a criminal law ought to say and the way it ought to be drafted. I'm going to ask for a call of the house, Mr. Speaker.