

can kick the Legislature around, the way everybody else does. Then we wonder why we are the butt of all of the antigovernment jokes, because we don't show ourselves to be worthy of anything better than that. It is not enough for an individual senator here and there, and now and then to do something that the public might applaud. We, as an institution, have to show a kind of collective leadership, a collective responsibility, and that would be shown by us having whatever it takes to reject these kind of bills. This bill is not well thought out. More time was put in trying to figure how to snooker the Legislature into enacting it, than was put into trying to answer the questions that anybody reading it and taking it seriously would ask. Senator Witek raised an interesting issue this morning about why you have to put in here that this operation is not subject to the public meetings requirement, and there is no need to put some kind of proviso in the law now. Well, she was just flicked off. Senator Beutler wanted to give the Legislature more time to look at it. There was a vote which was substantial enough in terms of numbers so he doesn't have to feel that his effort was in vain. But the fact is this bill remains in virtually the form it was in when it was presented to us because its thrust and direction have not been changed. How would the Legislature be harmed if this bill were not passed? The Legislature would not be harmed one whit. How will the Legislature be benefitted as an institution, I am talking about, if this bill is passed? It will not be benefitted at all. It will be harmful to the Legislature. It will show a lack of willingness to come to grips with what is actually written in a piece of legislation. We refuse to hold the Governor's feet to the fire and require him to do what he can do before he comes to us. Senator Vrtiska, in trying to get some assistance for his beleaguered county, had to put in a provision that all means of raising money have to be exhausted before they can come to the Legislature. Why doesn't the Legislature tell the Governor before you tell us to drive your ox team you show us that you've done all you can first? And he has not. He can summon these people. He can order them to coordinate their effort. He can tell them what their budget should consist of. He can tell them an amount they had better not ask the Legislature for, and they better do what he says or they lose their jobs. So why,...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...at this juncture, are we going to dummy up