

problem, that a bill was just...an amendment was added to a bill toward the end and it's...I think Senator Lindsay was talking about this this morning. And that's how the Legislature gets in trouble. I don't think Senator Lindsay thought his amendment would be taken this seriously. Maybe he did, and maybe he planned it, but I think, to all intents and purposes, if this amendment is added, LB 1296 is dead. I'm not going to try to kill it. I think the court will. I believe the court, in looking at how many issues are involved with the adoption of this amendment by the Legislature, will determine that the bill cannot stand. It cannot stand. But the main thing I look at...oh, touching on what something Senator Matzke said. He's going to read something from the constitution and say, this is what it means; therefore, that's what it means. No, I read the same thing Senator Matzke said...read, and I say it means the contrary. The one to make the final determination will be the Supreme Court. That's why whether you say to-ma-to or I say to-mah-to, it makes no difference and we may as well it off. The court will decide, and I think the court will see this...and again I'm giving my opinion, as an assault by the Legislature against the prerogatives of the Supreme Court, but the court doesn't even have to reach that issue because it can strike this bill down without getting to that crucial point. It simply did not meet the requirements of the law for passage. The amendment, because it violated the law in the way that it was added to the bill, keeps the whole bill from being constitutional, and unless the court just gratuitously wants to thump the Legislature on the head, it doesn't have to talk about these other issues. But if it does, and it says those opinions still do not have precedential value, what's the Legislature going to do? Come back next year and pass another bill and say, oh, yes, they do because, by God, we said so, and we're the Legislature. So the court, did you pass it? And they say, well, no, it doesn't; and throw it back it to you, and you come back and do it again. How childish, how juvenile, how pointless, what a waste of time. But the Legislature's known for behaving that way, so I expect you to adopt the amendment. I expect you to pass the bill, and I expect it to be struck down. I think it is not wise legislating.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: It will give some people a very good momentary feeling that the bully did something and I hid behind