

SENATOR SCHMITT: Yes, Mr. Speaker, members, I yield my time to Senator Chambers.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mr. President, Senator Schmitt. I want to get a note, just a second. What I'm looking at in terms of this entire issue is what we might like to see happen, and that would be based on moral considerations, ethical considerations, and even a notion of justice and equity. On the other side would be those things that fall under the category of what is legal/constitutional. And in that realm, to be quite frank, I don't know what the ultimate answers will be. When this matter goes to court, as I'm sure that it will, a decision will be made ultimately by a judge. If somehow it would get into the Supreme Court at the first, then the decision would be made by a collection of judges. And I'm not going to presume to be in a position to say how those judges will rule. I feel much more certain about what we were discussing yesterday on that amendment of Senator Lindsay to talk about the effect given to appellate court decisions. We were talking about a discrete issue that had boundaries. On this, I don't even know at this point every issue that might be raised. But the major issues I think we all are aware of. We would like to see a situation where people who have gone along with a system, in a system, and as a part of a system be allowed to continue as they have gone up to this point. Now, though, the issue has been raised in such a way that it cannot be ignored and the decision that we're going to have to make, no matter what we would like to see, no matter what we think the ultimate outcome might be in court, we're going to have to make a decision as to whether to adopt this resolution or not. Not adopting the resolution is not going to make this issue go away. There has been too much attention given to it and, frankly, it is too important at this point to just allow it to sit there and hope that it will go away. I'd like to ask Senator Witek a question since it's on her amendment that we are conducting this discussion. Senator Witek

SENATOR WITEK: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And I'm going to ask you to speculate, and since this is not a court of law, you are free to do that.