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are going to vote for or against them. And so I, you know,...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Vrtiska, you're not a mule skinner. You're a slippery fish this afternoon. (Laugh)

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Senator Chambers, you're recognized on your own time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, this bill that Senator Schimek has brought is very serious. The issue she is raising is very important. It's regrettable that so many are off the floor attending various meetings because they won't have the benefit of any of the discussion, any of the questions. Maybe something that was said or posed as a question would raise an issue in their mind which ought to be further explored. When they are called in to vote, they're going to have to vote on whether or not they think, just on its face, this is a good idea or that it's not a good idea. I'm not sure that I understand everything that's in the committee amendment, because I was working on some other matters and I've had to try to kind of scan it but I listened to what Senator Schimek gave by way of explanation, so I have a general idea of what is entailed here. I listened to Senator Quandahl's explanation of why he did not cast a vote and the matters that he raised. Whether I agree with him or not, whether I agree with the bill or not is beside the point when it comes to others who are going to be asked to vote on this. If the proposal is sound, it deserves more than what it can possibly get this afternoon. If it is not sound, people should not vote for it just because of who introduced it. In the same way that I hate to see the constitution amended and trifled with in a way that will demean what the document is supposed to do and the purpose it should serve, I'm regretful when something as serious as this comes before us that it doesn't have the opportunity of a complete hearing. So, Senator Schimek, at this point because I'm just not rock-solid against it, I'm going to vote for it if we get to a vote on it this afternoon. And since these other people are not just taking a walk but they are at these Executive Sessions, I don't know what can be done to bring them here. But I think, and it's not just because you offered it, because I'm not even sure that I'm for it, this should have been heard differently from the way circumstances have resulted in its being heard this