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discussion of this bill, even though the amendments I'm offering at this time are not of substance, and it might be good that they are not, because they won't distract from the discussion, this is a new departure by the state. This has never been done before. And it's regrettable that, because I'm the one who is going to discuss it, that the other members have been told to stay off the floor and not participate. But I'm going to make a record to show how responsible I have been and how seriously I took this, and that I understand it probably better than those whose names are on the bill.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Vrtiska, on the reconsideration motion.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Thank you, Madam President, members of the body. I was going to ask Senator Landis a couple questions, but I see he's not around. So maybe I'll visit with Senator Chambers for a minute. Senator Chambers, I was off the floor. We had a lot of rain last night, and I didn't get around as early as I should have this morning, and...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And that was my fault, Senator Vrtiska, because, as Senator Baker could point out, I summoned that rain, and I told him about it before he went home last week.

SENATOR VRTISKA: (Laugh.) Thank you.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So, carry on.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Now that Senator Landis is back, I'm not going to talk to you, I'm going to talk to Senator Landis.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Senator Landis, I apologize, first of all. And I suspect the questions I'm going to ask have already been answered, and I apologize, but I haven't heard them, so I got to...I got to ask you a couple of questions that I think you are prepared to answer. Some of the people who are supporting this came and talked to me. And one of the questions I have never been able to get completely answered, and I hope that you can, and if you look on the second page, starting with number