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Senator Schimek, you're recognized to open on the committee amendments. (AM1082, Legislative Journal, page 1313, First Session, 1999.)

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Mr. Chairman and members...or, Mr. President, members of the body. The committee amendment is very simple. It requires that technology for input and output technology, but not for infrastructure, and I would just urge adoption of the committee amendment.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Schimek, is that the...? Thank you. Discussion on the committee amendment, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, before I put an amend...a motion up there, I want to ask Senator Bruning a question.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Bruning, would you respond?

SENATOR BRUNING: No.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Oh, very well. He need not respond. Then I'm going to offer a motion and we will take care of this one, too. See, he doesn't know what the question was. This is a different quality bill, different subject, and in the meantime I will comment. If this bill were deemed important, Senator Bruning would have prioritized it, but he chose not to. If he had any intentions about this bill, then he would have answered a question, and you know where he thinks he's smart? He's talking in staged whisper so I can hear him. He said the motion was already written down, but he didn't see the number of the bill on the motion. There are numerous bills on here that I intend to deal with today. And now it should be clear just how we're going to proceed this morning. You think I care if he doesn't want the bill? Not at all. But this bill is definitely not going to go anywhere. First of all, he has not explained the bill. We don't know what kind of contracts are being discussed here or where these contracts are let, which agencies of the state do or do not have such equipment, whether there are other categories of persons who might need this kind of consideration. I don't know whether there is activity engaged in by people who are hearing impaired, whether totally deaf or