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powers, would that make this amendment an unconstitutional action by the Legislature as violating the separation of powers,...

SENATOR VRTISKA: Well, it's my...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...if what I say is true?

SENATOR VRTISKA: ...I'm not sure, Senator. That was discussed and we decided that it was a matter that could be handled and so we moved ahead with it. I guess that's something the court would decide.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Now if the court rules in the way that I'm talking about, that would bring down the whole bill, wouldn't it?

SENATOR VRTISKA: Well, you know, you're right, Senator, and...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And you're willing to risk that based on what you told me, correct?

SENATOR VRTISKA: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. I'd like to ask Senator Hilgert a question or two now.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Hilgert.

SENATOR HILGERT: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Hilgert, if what I've said is correct, and I'm emphasizing the "if", would a violation of the separation of powers...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...principle lead a court to strike down a law that authorized such a violation?

SENATOR HILGERT: Well, two things I believe would happen. One, I believe that the court would look to the congressional, the