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houses. But there are two "Chamberses": the Legislative Chambers, Ernie Chambers. And I take my work so seriously, even though I don't feel like a part of this society. I feel like an outsider. I don't feel like this is my government. I don't feel like it's my country in the way that white people do. You don't hear me say "our country." You don't hear me say "our President," "our war." None of those things do black people have any significant impact on, especially to the point where we can join in that editorial possessive pronoun "our."

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: This Legislature is a body of which I voluntarily am a member. And there is a quality of work I think it is incumbent on us to strive for. And we're not going to reach it in the case of every bill. I won't even be able to read and analyze every bill. And before I complete it, I've got to turn on my light one more time, which will be my last time.

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes. Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. Senator Chambers, I think your words are ones that we should all heed and that we should pay attention to, because I think that it is easy sometimes to put bills out on the floor, perhaps easier than not putting them out on the floor. But I'd also like to caution you that some of these bills may have been bills that committees have worked on all summer long and into the fall. They may be bills that are rather simple in nature, that aren't controversial but have to be done for one reason or another. There are five bills down the agenda here, right in a row, that all came out of the Government Committee. One of them is just to set up a fund so that we can receive federal dollars. That's a no-brainer. (Laugh) I think, anyway. The second one has to deal with community college elections, and it is also a very simple bill, brought to us by the community colleges. The next three are all involving the Federal Election Act, which we are mandated to implement by January of 2004. And the Government Committee has been working very hard with the Secretary of State to put those bills in order. So all I'm