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SPEAKER BROMM PRESIDING

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you,...

SPEAKER BROMM: You have about a minute and 57 seconds.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. And I do have my light on, in case we need more time. First of all, what would we do without legal counsel? (Laugh) She has brought me some language from the Spire decision that says, as a consequence, Article II prohibits one who exercises the power of one branch, for instance, the Legislature, from being a member, that is, either an officer or employee, of another branch. So therefore, if you work for the State Treasurer's Office, you would not be able to run...to serve in the Legislature. And the same would be true of the janitor who is...if he or she is a state employee...or, who works for the state. But what the Conway decision...

SPEAKER BROMM: One minute, Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: ...didn't make clear, according to the Attorney General...and I realize this is one Attorney General's opinion, but it has put a real question mark up there for all of these local political subdivisions. And he said, since Conway involves state officers, however, it offers little guidance as to how, if at all, Article II, Section 1 might apply to local governmental subdivisions. And that's the question that we're trying to cure with this particular amendment. It does not undo the Conway decision.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Schimek. (Visitors introduced.) Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I would advise Senator Wehrbein not to hold his breath till Senator Schimek gives him time, because she said she was going to give me some time, and then waived off. But at any rate, I had heard her say something about, I'm way off base on