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SENATOR SCHIMEK: Okay.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Remember this. The constitution is the basic or the fundamental law of the state. Everything that we do is subject to the constitution and the limitations that are placed on us as a Legislature. When we enact a statute, we can change that if it turns out that we made a mistake or it's enacted contrary to the constitution. If we change the constitution, and ten unanticipated consequences result, five, four, three, two, or one, we cannot say to the court, well, we didn't mean that, so we don't want it to apply that way. No, what we said is what the constitution means, whether we meant it to mean that or not. So when we are unclear of the reach of this language, we should not put it in the constitution. We should not ask the public to put it in the constitution. I don't know what the problem is that is being addressed by this language. If there is a problem because there are some local people who want to run for the Legislature and keep their jobs, then craft a statute that says, any person holding...who is not holding elected office shall be entitled to run for the...may run for the Legislature. If that's what it is. I'd like to ask Senator Schimek a question. Senator Schimek, exactly what office are we talking about that these employees would want to run for.

SPEAKER BROMM: Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: The Legislature.

SPEAKER BROMM: One minute.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: So why don't you just say, in the same way that there's a statute that allows people in rural areas where there's sparse population to hold more than one office, just say...I don't know that I'd agree with it...that an employee of a political subdivision may run for the Legislature without relinquishing his or her job? Then we would discuss it as a legislative issue, and see whether or not that's good public policy. But if it's put in the constitution, that's it, no matter how many things we haven't considered, or how many mistakes we may have made. And that's what I would suggest. But I want to make it clear that there's no way I will support