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before me, would you like to comment on that?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Well, if you'll notice the list, Senator Brashear, I'm right behind you, so I'm dropping too.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Now, is it a part of the strategy for those who are promoting this bill that...is there an assumption that the reason that it would be appropriate to move all of the constitutional officers ahead of all the members of the Legislature is because, given the new approach to constitutional offices, they will all be out campaigning at diverse geographical points, and therefore would not be hit by the same common disaster as the rest of us who are here at the seat of state government, doing the business of the government?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: I don't...I can't tell whether you're being facetious or not, Senator Brashear. (Laugh) But I think it's conceivable, yes, that those executive committee members could be in different places than the entire Legislature is, for instance, especially when it's during a particular time of the year that we are in session.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Do you, Senator Schimek, feel like we are in any way further...I mean, we give raises to these people, we promote them sometimes from their constitutional offices, we entrust them with more responsibility, we provide them a living wage. Not much of that happens here. Are you not at all concerned that we are further diminishing the worth of individual legislators in their official capacities, in the opinion of the public, by moving them down the succession line?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Senator Brashear, I don't think the public has a clue as to what the line of succession is.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: I'd stipulate that. I agree. (Laugh) I'm trying to decide if this is a good idea, and if there's any really...really any reason for it. One of the things that occurs to me is that without diminishing the role of the Legislature, if we need a longer list...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.