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SENATOR BRASHEAR: ...of succession, we could add all of these constitutional officers after all of us, so that if we would have a common disaster, then, then, after we get through the leadership of the Legislature, we could bestow this opportunity upon people like the Attorney General and the Secretary of State and so forth. Isn't that a possibility, Senator Schimek?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Certainly. And I don't...you know, I don't know that I have any objection to doing it that way necessarily. As I mentioned to you before, if you look at lines of succession in other states, they do it with executive branch constitutional officers. But, I mean, I'm not sure there's a good rationale for that either. So I...we could do what we wanted to. And you know, if this bill doesn't go anywhere this year...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: ...I won't be offended.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Is that an offer? (Laugh)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Brashear. Senator Bromm, followed by Senators Redfield, Beutler, Landis, Schimek. Senator Bromm.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Mr. President. I heard Senator Schimek say that it's because of the more recent 9-11 and terrorism threat that this bill is before us. And I understand that. I would suggest that it's more likely that the list that's in the statute right now would be more likely to be not all congregated when there would be a disaster, than those that have their permanent offices in this building. We're here temporarily. Many of us are here and there even when we're in session. We're...generally, you can't find us all here at a given point in time. So from that standpoint, I don't see that this would provide any more measure of safety or certainty. I don't put much stock in what the other states have in terms of their list of priorities for stepping into the Governor's chair. I think we should do what we think we should do in that regard. I don't know if it's better or worse to have our list the way it