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I drew up this list, I considered leaving out the Speaker of the Legislature, primarily because of the reasons that Senator Landis just expounded upon. He is a member...he or she, I should say...is a member of the legislative branch. And what we're talking about here is having a line of succession for an executive branch position. And to me, there is some sense to that. Executive branch members are the ones who actually replace an executive branch member, or official. So I would also say to you that...again, I don't know if this is the right answer. It certainly doesn't go far enough. We certainly need to be thinking about other arenas as well. But I'm really glad that some of you are taking this discussion seriously, because I think we need to have it. And I think that we need to think about it. Now, Senator Bromm, if we would do this, then we would provide by law for those that would fall in after the constitutional offices. And I would suggest that there might be some changes in that line of succession among committee chairs. This was 1959, I believe, when we passed the law, and it might be out of date by now. Maybe we should be looking at it. Committee chairs have changed in their function and the scope of their work, and it may not be as up-to-date as we would like to have it. So with that, Mr. Speaker, I would turn my time back to the Chair.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Schimek. Senator Brashear on the advancement of LB 13.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Mr. President, thank you. Members of the body. Well, now Senator Landis has joined the debate. And he makes some legitimate points, in the abstract. But lest this whole thing carry the lighter tone that I was attempting...but I didn't raise my hand as I'm supposed to do when telling...trying to tell a joke. I don't think that when people vote for constitutional offices they are voting for who they want to serve as replacement Governor, in the event of a 9-11. So if we're going...if this is serious...and I understand it is, and I...but I'm also trying to have some fun with it, because I think it is somewhat irrelevant to be fussing with a line of succession that is as long as ours is, and has never been utilized. But let's assume for the purposes of discussion that we have to have a long line of succession. Then...and I have an