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

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature. And Senator Schimek, I think the lack of interest in this bill kind of parallels the lack of interest in elections. And I'm not trying to be facetious. But on matters of this kind, it's just difficult for the mind to become engaged and see where this really has any relationship or connection to anything that's going on in the real world. But politics is the engine that really drives everything. So the less interest the public takes, the more readily the direction of society is left in the hands of a very few people. I think there might not be a lot of discussion on what Senator Schimek is proposing because it's readily understood, there is not much that's controversial. But we just had a caucus of two of the independents on the floor of the Legislature, and we wonder why...at least one wing of the independent party wonders...well, the independent group, wonders why independents are always overlooked when they're naming somebody from each of the political parties. I'd like to ask Senator Schimek a question.

SPEAKER BROMM: Senator Schimek, would you yield?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: (Laugh) Senator Chambers, you can. But if you'll let me ask you a question back?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Schimek, the question I would ask you is why you were waving your hand trying to get my attention.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Oh, thank you, Senator. (Laugh) Well, because I want to know why you left out one of the members of the independents at your little caucus.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Schimek, because we're people of action. Sometimes we must behave on the spur of the moment, and we don't have time to caucus and waste a lot of time like the political parties. So...

SENATOR SCHIMEK: That sounds...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...when we have a majority, we take action.