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Johnson can attest to. But that's just the way it is around here. Again, we do what we have to. And in this case, Senator Chambers has a good idea. It's a bright idea, as a matter of fact. And I want to...I wish I would have thought of it. The people at home think that we are doing this, as Senator Schrock said, for self-serving...or, whatever words you want to use. They don't understand the fact that we didn't really intend...it wasn't our intention to maybe put this on the ballot as quickly as in the morning. That wasn't our intention here. It wasn't my intention. In Exec Board we talked about this, and I thought we was going to maybe look at it, and if another group come forward, if another group come forward, Chamber of Commerce, whatever...I shouldn't name groups...and supported it, then they had the money to do such, and would support it, it would come from them, not from us. I just think it's a terrible idea if this idea comes from us. I just think...(laugh) I mean, I just can't imagine it coming from us on the ballot and passing. If I was...if my shoe was on the other foot, so to speak, I wouldn't do that if a legislator did that, and I was looking in, and say, why, those fools, they're contradicting what we did on the ballot a couple years ago, and then they want to change it for their own interests? I just think that's terrible. But if it comes from another group...and there's a lot of groups out there that I hear from that don't like it. And if they have the interest and the time, let those groups come forward. Put your money where your mouth is. I haven't talked to one person that voted for this. (Laugh) That's funny. It's a funny thing. You say that, and nobody voted for term limits. Maybe one, a guy that didn't know anything. I'm...I retract that. But anyway, nobody voted for this idea. Nobody voted for it. But yet it's here. Term limits is here. Let those groups step up. Let them be responsible for turning this over, not us. And I wouldn't vote to advance it now if we did. Of course, it might be by voice vote only. But Final Reading, I wouldn't vote to advance it, no matter what. Let the people do it. So Senator Chambers, you've got a...for once, you have a good idea. So with that, I'll quit.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Senator Cudaback. Senator Stuthman, you are the next speaker.