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perhaps on Select File we'll have a bill that embodies the concept of the bill, that is basic procedural rights for our police officers in the state of Nebraska, which I strongly believe in and I think we need, but yet we'll do it in a logistically correct way with fashionable language that will be appeasable to the body, or at least 33 members of the body. And my suggestion at this point, as I continue a dialogue off the mike with other members, is to advance...

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Time.

SENATOR SYNOWIECKI: ...the bill. Thank you.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Senators Mossey, Bourne, and Synowiecki. Senator Landis, you're next.

SENATOR LANDIS: Madam Speaker, members of the Legislature, we're not going to get to vote on this bill advancement between now and 12:00 anyway. We're going to have the rest of the day, Saturday and Sunday. Seems to me that you could probably take a Monday off from this bill if there was, in fact, a desire to work on better language, and if there is, great. That's not why we're where we are right now. Right now, we have Senator Chambers with 15, about 15 amendments, and a motion to reconsider a recommitting motion. An opportunity to talk probably would be wise. I certainly wouldn't oppose that idea. If you can make a better bill better, and I think there's an opportunity to make the bill better, that probably should be done. You could probably do that with...just with an informal agreement that we wouldn't come back till Tuesday, and take a day. It doesn't resolve the problem of why we are exactly at this moment where we are, which is, I think Senator Chambers' position, that this bill on its face is a mistake. If I understand his argument correctly, it is this, roughly: The cops are oppressive; they are...they are...they're racist in their operation in his community; that it is not a good analogy to make it to other public employees; that, in fact, although the constitutional minimums should be given, the Legislature should not do anything in this area that would give the cops greater rights than what the constitution would. There is no form of LB 304 under that theory that would meet Senator