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would vote for the bill if it came up on the floor. At the same time, I felt it was important that all the members of this body get a chance to look at this bill and that's why I voted to advance it. Now I understand Chambers is...Senator Chambers is going to stop this bill. That's his privilege, certainly it is on any bill that he wants to stop, or any bill that I want to stop I have that right and that duty and that privilege of carrying out that threat, or whatever you want to call it. I just want you to know that Senator Chambers is right. Each of us has the duty and the right to do what we want to do within the law on this floor and in a committee hearing. I made the statement at that hearing that I was not sure that this was the right thing to do and I wanted to make it known. And you can ask Senator Kremer that, I wanted to make it known that this was not a solid vote for the issue that was before us. But I have to tell you that some of the misunderstandings that have been circulated about this particular piece of legislation I think are unfair. Some of them are untrue. I think some of them are very unfair. And for that very reason, I decided the bill ought to come up here and we ought to give it a good threshing, if that's what Senator Chambers wants to do, or anybody else on this floor wants to do. Basically, that's what we're here for. If you don't like something, make your voice heard. I intend to do that and I think many of the other members of this body will do the same thing. So I'm not upset at Senator Chambers because I think he's doing the right thing. I think he is bringing up a point that needs to be brought up, and I think it will be brought up when this bill comes to the floor, if it does, by many members of this body. So forgive me for taking up some time of the body with an unrelated part...unrelated issue relating to the bill that Senator Jones has before him and he has worked hard on. With that, Mr. Speaker, or Mr. President, I will relinquish the balance of my time. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Vrtiska. Senator Chambers, on the motion to return.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, if people are interested in the I-300 issue, they better discuss it now because they are not going to get a chance on the bill, itself. And they won't get a chance unless I bring it up again