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independence of the Legislature from the executive branch. I hope that you will vote to advance this bill. And should it make it to Final Reading--and there's no guarantee that will happen--I would hope that you would give it sufficient votes to put it on the ballot. If you have any questions, I will be delighted to answer them. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. You've heard the opening on LR 211. Open for discussion on that motion to advance. Senator Jensen, followed by Senator Friend

SENATOR JENSEN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature. Senator Chambers, would you respond to a question, please?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes, I will.

SENATOR JENSEN: Have we ever put this to the voters before? I can't recall that we did.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I don't remember whether we did it or if it was done by a petition. But it was on the ballot one time, at least, and was voted down.

SENATOR JENSEN: Okay. Well, and certainly I support it, and I do feel that we need that separation of powers. I was just wondering if there was any possibility of following this up with some sort of a promotion, or at least see to that it does pass once it gets to the voters. I don't know if you have any comments on that or not.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: What I think we ought to do, to show our seriousness of intent, is jump it over everything that we're considering, move it on over to Final Reading on an expedited basis, and if we vote to put it on the ballot, I would join with any groups or individuals who would try to educate the public as to why this ought to be done.

SENATOR JENSEN: Thank you, Mr. President. And if you need any