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Retirement Systems, Mr. President. That's all that I have.
(Legislative Journal pages 810-816.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Next agenda item.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Chambers would move to amend the
committee amendments with FA1496. (Legislative Journal
page 780.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Chambers, you're recognized to open
on FA1496 to the committee amendments offered by the Judiciary
Committee to LB 998. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Mr. President, this will also be
withdrawn, so whatever it says is of no consequence. I wanted
the opportunity to discuss this bill on its merits, but again, I
did not realize that it would go as long as it has. But that
plays into my grand strategy. On the next bill I have numerous
amendments that will not alter the thrust of the bill, but I
think will improve it. And maybe a majority of those on the
floor will not agree, so I will not get enough votes to adopt
any of the amendments that I offer. But we will cross that
bridge when we come to it, or those bridges. Over this weekend,
which was four days, I had a chance to do a lot of thinking and
I decided that I would get copies of several of the bills on
General File that we're going to be considering, and look
through them and within myself, whether I told anybody about it
or not, decide whether I was going to go ahead and get copies of
all the bills on General File and work all of them. Well, as
the Book says, the Book capitalized, sufficient unto the day is
the evil thereof. I don't need to do work on all of the bills
yet. I've done enough on enough bills to keep me busy for the
rest of the session, and to wear you all out. But there are
some things that have to be done this session. I believe that a
budget should be built during this session and not in a special
session. However, because I enjoy my colleagues' company so
much, I don't mind coming back for a special session. If we
don't have a special session, I will probably never see Senator
Vrtiska again, because I don't believe he's running for
reelection. He might be disagreeing. Maybe there's a time when
we will see each other again. I don't know. But at any rate, I