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we shouldn't worry so much about it. But in case they were going to take action, I think Senator Chambers' comments deserve some attention. Thank you.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Senator Tyson, you're recognized to speak. Senator Tyson.

SENATOR TYSON: Thank you very much, Madam President. You can all...nap time is over. I cannot deny that...well, yes, I can too deny there's anything to what Senator Chambers says, but I would be willing to work with Senator Chambers between now and Select so that this bill can go forward, because I consider this to be an important bill. Senator Chambers told me, obiter dicta, that he didn't see where this bill would actually solve any problems, actually, what...or what the Architects and Engineers Act was getting out of it, what that board was getting out of it. What they're getting out of it is the freedom to act under the negotiated rule-making process, which is not playing \$64,000 question with anyone. I mean it is a rigorous process that is used throughout state government under a number of circumstances, and I'm no expert on the Negotiated Rule Act, but it does serve a purpose. I do not believe that it mitigates the authority of the Legislature to allow it. But if this thing can go forward, I will pledge, if Senator...if Senator Chambers would respond to a question, Madam President.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Senator Chambers, would you respond?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Only if I'm allowed to precede that answer, or even the question, with a very brief comment.

SENATOR TYSON: How brief?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Oh, about 27 inches.

SENATOR TYSON: Fifteen seconds.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Or less. Okay. I believe it was Senator Beutler, rather than Senator Chambers, who said he had trouble seeing what anybody is going to get out of this bill. Now I'll answer the question, if you want to pose it.