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because Senator Schrock has pointed out some of these things cannot be worked out on the floor. Well, this is where we ought to work them out. And waiting till Select File...

SPEAKER BROMM: Time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...gives greater leverage to the opposing side. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER BROMM: Senator Maxwell.

SENATOR MAXWELL: Thank you, Mr. President. I'm still not sure how I'm voting on this amendment. But Senator Preister has asked for some more time to explain his position, and so I'd be glad to yield it to him.

SPEAKER BROMM: Senator Preister, you have 4 minutes and 45 seconds.

SENATOR PREISTER: (Microphone malfunction) I know some people would like me to be quiet, but (laugh)...thank you, Honorable President. Thank you, Senator Maxwell. I do appreciate you yielding your time. I know that there is still some uncertainty, still some confusion, and I think generally a willingness for people to try to come to some resolution. My earlier comments about discussing it and being willing to work with people are accurate. But I once remember in a committee hearing where Senator Chambers said that a cockroach doesn't have much of a chance negotiating with a chicken. That cockroach can get swallowed up real fast. And although I don't like to think of myself as a cockroach, and I'm not thinking of anyone else as a chicken, I don't feel like that if what I'm trying to do here is that difficult that I have a lot of leverage or a lot of bargaining power. But I also hear what Senator Schrock is saying. And I think Senator Schrock is a man of his word. He has not done anything in my work with him over the last almost 12 years to cause me to disbelieve him or to doubt his word. If it were only Senator Schrock and I doing the negotiation, I think it could be worked out and it could happen. That isn't the case. There are other parties, and how that discussion or negotiation would continue none of us can say at