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under call. Senator McDonald, Senator Kruse. Senator Chambers, all are here. How do you want to proceed?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: In the way that will give me what I want. But I will take a machine vote.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Machine vote. The question is to recommit to committee. All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 4 ayes, 20 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to re-refer.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: The motion failed. I'll raise the call.

CLERK: Mr. President, pursuant to that action, Senator Chambers would move to reconsider the vote just taken.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes. Mr. President, members of the Legislature, to give a bit of advice to those who may not be aware of how I operate when I'm dealing with bills like this, a criticism suggests a change that ought to be made in the bill. I'm telling Senator Erdman changes that need to be made. But unlike those comedians who tell unfunny jokes, or who tell jokes to audiences who don't catch what the punch line is, will say before the punch line, the punch line is coming, or after the punch line says...will say, that was the punch line, or as some people, say, have a snare drum, and every time I get ready to make a point do a roll on the snare drum. Each criticism contains within it the suggestion of a change that needs to be made to this bill. And those outside the Chamber with more understanding are well aware of that. But at some point, the question is going to be divided. And what I will do, since I think it's going to be necessary, is to offer to strike provisions from this committee amendment, give Senator Erdman the opportunity to defend what he's got. But if he's here, I'd like to ask him a question. Is Senator Erdman here?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Senator Erdman, will you yield?