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don't want this. Well, you know, it's close enough anyway, and if you can't talk about the Governor supporting at least a part of it, and he's working against it, there's no point in wasting the time of this body on it.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: I had no idea that was the answer I was going to get, Senator Beutler, but I appreciate it. And I'm disappointed. I'm disappointed that we are not going to get a vote on that issue, and I'm disappointed if the Legislature can't speak for itself on these issues. And I'm disappointed and I'm upset, and I'm not certain how to express that right now. But I think that I will just sit down at this point, and think about how we get out of this pickle, because I think it is a pickle, and it's not one that we should be in. And the repercussions will be great next year. So thank you for your explanation, Senator Beutler.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Schimek. Mr. Clerk, motion on the desk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Chambers would move to amend the bill. (FA1657, Legislative Journal page 1450.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Chambers, you're recognized to open on FA1657 to LB 1090. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, if a proposal is before the body and it's withdrawn, nobody need lose heart, because there is always a way to put that before us and obtain a vote. All that would have to be done is to call up the form of Senator Beutler's...of his amendment on the gadget, print it out back there, cross out Senator Beut...I meant the number of the amendment, so that there's no confusion, then just write your name on it and submit it. Then we'd debate the amendment and get a vote on it. So it's not as though Senator Beutler is the only one who could offer a particular amendment. The hard work, the heavy lifting in this body too often is assigned to one individual. And if that individual for any reason or no reason decides not to perform, others who were relying on that person will tend to lose heart. If I have something that I believe ought to be presented, even if