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talked about doing this justifies the Legislature in doing it is, to me, the worst abdication of our responsibility we could be involved in. If you look at the committee statement, there...the only way you could say a handful of people turned up is if the person didn't have all of his or her hands. Senator Erdman introduced the bill. We're on LB 391, aren't we? I want to be sure. According to the committee statement, James L-a-a-k-s-o, Laakso, appeared for himself; and Kit "Boash," "Bosh," or however you pronounce the name, "Besh," B-o-e-s-c-h, appeared for Lancaster County. One person for himself; one person from Lancaster County. And what they were commenting on was a bill that has, counting the cover sheet, 5 pages. That's what they testified about. We now have a 97-page amendment which nobody testified on. Nobody knew that 5 would multiply and become 97. I realize that the number of pages alone will not tell us about the complexity or simplicity of a bill. But if you would go through this bill as I did, the committee amendment, you would see what I'm seeing. I want to correct something Senator Schimek said. She mentioned she didn't have time over the weekend to go through this as I did. I didn't have time. I had to take time. And I was up very, very late, then very, very early this morning, so that I could discharge my responsibility. I read every page. I listed on paper every section by number, the pages where that section is found in the committee amendment, and a brief comment of mine as to what that particular section was dealing with. I have worked...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...very hard, and I will not allow something such as this to move across this floor. When I first began speaking, I mentioned the things that were mentioned at the hearing--signing contracts and signing leases. This that we have as a committee amendment goes far beyond that. I don't even know if I can see specifically where signing contracts is involved, unless one of those sections in the bill which simply deals with the definition of "minor" or "adult" would cover that area of the law. But you won't know it by reading the committee amendment. Senator Erdman is going to have to decide what he wants. If he wants all of this, I guarantee you...no, with all due respect to Justin Wilson, "I garontee" he will...