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States strike down a so-called late-term abortion bill because of a term something like "substantial portion." And in discussing what that meant with the introducer of the bill, I was able to compile the record that I knew would be used by the court in striking down that law as being overly broad and too vague and affecting procedures that could not be outlawed by a Legislature. So I look at the words. I consider what they mean. And when you have an amendatory proposition, such as is before you now, read it and ask yourself, will this mean the same thing to everybody? If it doesn't, then there will be an argument. If there's an argument, somebody is going to resolve it if it relates to action that must be taken. The ones that will resolve it are those who sit on the Executive Board. I've been on that board, I don't know how long. It's been a long time. We will discuss why we think a bill should be referred to the Executive Board. Some will say yea, others will say nay. And we might discuss it for an hour. And after an hour, the yeasayers still say yea, the naysayers still say nay. So the way we resolve those matters is by voting. Voting is there because it's clear that you're not going to get unanimity very often. You might not be able to get consensus on a regular basis. So you have to have a process by which you draw the thing to a conclusion one way or the other.

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And if we vote by a majority to send a bill someplace, and it's not satisfactory, then those who disagree can come before the board and try to have it rereferred. I want to make a couple more points, so I'll turn my light on, and stop at this point.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Engel. And this will be your third time, Senator.

SENATOR ENGEL: I told you I wouldn't even do this, but I think a clarification is necessary. First of all, as far as the Exec Board referring bills to itself, it's...years ago, they didn't. But it's been...the last 12 years, they have been doing it. So it does have a track record. But secondly, just to clarify a point, and I've already talked to Senator Stuhr about it, that