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SENATOR CUDABACK:      FA33 has not been adopted. And I do raise the call. Mr. Clerk, next motion, when you get time.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next amendment I have is by Senator Chambers, FA34. (Legislative Journal page 599.)

SENATOR CUDABACK:      Senator Chambers, you're recognized to open on FA34 to LR 8CA.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I'm shocked, astounded, amazed, and surprised that my colleagues do not want to protect the right of the citizens of this state to walk. Senator Schrock is against protecting the right to walk. Although that's why I'm getting roll call votes, so we can see what these people who want to put trapping and fishing and hunting into the constitution do not think ought to be protected. I'm trying to show how silly all this is. I did hand around this excerpt from what is called Original Meanings. Do I expect it to be read and understood? Not by everybody. But by some people who will have some respect for what those who put together the U.S. Constitution in the first instance were looking at, the kinds of things they deemed to be important and appropriate to be put into a constitution. And I'm going to read this into the record, as I will every day that we are debating this. It will come up again tomorrow, and I'm going to read it again. This is called Original Meanings: Politics and Ideas in the Making of the Constitution. Oh, it was a winner of the Pulitzer prize. That's why my colleagues don't want to read this, because the Pulitzer prize goes to flaming wild-eyed liberals. But it's talking about those conservatives who wrote the constitution. Let me read this, from page 329. To prove the absurdity of enumerating rights, Federalists lampooned one of the amendments proposed by the minority in the Pennsylvania convention, which would have affirmed that Americans would retain the liberty to fowl and hunt in seasonable times, and on lands they hold...and in like manner to fish in all navigable waters, and others not private property, without being restrained by Congress. Nearly transported by laughter at this clause, Noah Webster proposed a further restriction:--That Congress shall never restrain any inhabitant of America from