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and I say it is not. It doesn't meet that standard. Maybe it meets the standard for the Judiciary Committee, but it doesn't reach mine. And yes, I'm a member of the Judiciary Committee, and I argue against this thing, and I vote against sending it out here, but the majority rules. But the fact that a majority can vote to send a piece of trash out here doesn't stop it from being trash. It means they had enough votes to send it out here. And then we have gullible senators praising this piece of proposed legislation who have not read it. They have not read it. They don't know what it says. And questions can be put to the introducer which she cannot answer. And she wants you to pass it, and she doesn't know the answer. And this is what is supposed to guide the citizens of the state, and those who are enacting it into law don't know what it means. Yet the courts, knowing how slipshod, foolish, and simpleminded legislators can be, have adopted the principle that ignorance of the law is no excuse unless you are a legislator. You're expected to be ignorant.

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: You're expected to be careless. You're expected to behave like a moron or an idiot. Read it. If this was done in a lawyerlike way, when they talk about some of these legal actions that are to be done, they shouldn't say "prosecute the case." They should say, the county attorney shall file an action; not say, a county attorney shall prosecute a case. Then they say, if the county attorney is to do this, the county attorney or the county attorney's deputy. Let the county attorney or the county attorney's designee do it. Maybe the county attorney has more persons in his or her office than a deputy. So don't restrict it to the county attorney or the deputy. Don't...

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: Time, Senator.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...say, if the county...I've gone ten minutes already?

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: The floor is now open for discussion by Senator Chambers to recommit to committee. Senator Combs.