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suburbs. I'm not interested in that. I'm interested to a working solution, and if it takes us advancing this to Select File, if it takes the Speaker special ordering amendments that may get us there, let's begin to do that. I respectfully say that what's before us is not that process, and I would yield time to Senator Kruse.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Kruse.

SENATOR KRUSE: Thank you, Mr. President. I withdraw the amendment.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The amendment is withdrawn. Mr. Clerk, next amendment, please. The Kruse amendment is withdrawn.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Raikes, AM3166, as an amendment to the committee amendments. (Legislative Journal page 1581.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Raikes, you're recognized to open on your amendment to the committee amendments.

SENATOR RAIKES: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the Legislature. This addresses the issue of the separability clause that we introduced in the...with the Bourne amendment one of the last days; they've kind of run together. What that amendment did was what I'll call a reverse separability clause. It says if any part of the bill is deemed unconstitutional, then every part of the bill falls. What this amendment would do would be to turn that around. It would say that if a part of this bill is found unconstitutional, it would be eliminated. The rest would be retained. The reason I suggest this is not because I believe there is something that's within the bill now or hopefully would go into the bill that would be unconstitutional. But rather, I don't want to put the many good things I think that are in the bill and would not be found unconstitutional at risk, in the event I am wrong on the rest of it. My feeling is that the bill represents, as Senator Landis ably described, it represents an uneasy consensus. You've got neither side completely happy, but there are some very important provisions in this bill that there is at least tentative agreement with--the formation of a learning community, for