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difficult thing to predict but one thing seems quite certain. This Legislature will long be remembered, for better or worse, by how it conducts itself this week. I'd like to offer the remainder of my time to Senator Synowiecki.

SENATOR BAKER: Senator Synowiecki, you have one minute.

SENATOR SYNOWIECKI: Thanks, Senator Howard, I appreciate the time. Senator Heidemann, would you yield to a couple of quick questions relative to your amendment?

SENATOR BAKER: Senator Heidemann, please?

SENATOR HEIDEMANN: Yes.

SENATOR SYNOWIECKI: This amendment, AM3237, was this a bill that you introduced and had a public hearing?

SENATOR HEIDEMANN: I had two bills in Education Committee this session that would have done something, that would have addressed this problem. They did not make it out of the Education Committee. This particular proposal was not introduced.

SENATOR SYNOWIECKI: So you had a similar bill that d a similar, in terms of public policy, did a similar thing. It didn't get out of committee?

SENATOR HEIDEMANN: It didn't make it out of committee. There was problems with the way we brought it forward. I started working on this problem last fall with Tom Bergquist in the Fiscal Office, and we tried to come up with two different proposals that I brought forward that thought would address this problem.

SENATOR SYNOWIECKI: Okay.

SENATOR HEIDEMANN: There was some problems with this and that's the reason I believe they didn't make it.

SENATOR SYNOWIECKI: Okay, thank you, Senator Heidemann. At