

Senators Chambers, Pirsch, Crosby, Abboud, and Schimek.

SENATOR WESELY: Oh, Madam President and members, I was just going to indicate that last week after LB 371 failed, as we struck midnight I described it as having changed into a pumpkin. I just want to acknowledge that...for Senator Lindsay that he seems to have taken on the role of Prince John and took the slipper around and the shoe fit and he has magically changed last week's pumpkin back into a shiny carriage, and I commend him. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Wesely. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President, members of the Legislature, Senator Lindsay thanked everybody but me, and I ought to limit my remarks to one thing, humph, but I am not going to do that, and this will be the last time on Select File we will have to discuss this bill, but at any rate, I still maintain that this is one of the worst pieces of work that will come out of the Legislature. There are people who voted for it who know better. All of the lawyers know better. This was a political exercise, pure and simple, and what was shown is that when you are dealing with a political issue, numbers determine the outcome, not the merits, not what's right, not what's wrong, not anything, only politics. And if Senator Hall were here and we didn't have young children here, I'd make him a little wager but I won't do that at this time. But we know that the Governor is going to run for U.S. Senate. He wouldn't be scrambling around and succeeding in perverting our processes to the extent that he has if he were not going to run. So everybody else may be waiting with bated breath, but I'm telling you on May 31st that there is no doubt, there is no question whatsoever, the Governor is going to run for the U.S. Senate. Everybody else knows it too. But this is a dead giveaway. I just regret that we, as a Legislature, will allow our processes to be distorted in this manner. One thing, even if this bill passes, that will be worthwhile from it all. When crime is still with us next year, what are you going to come back with. I wonder what Senator Lindsay will come back with. What will Senator Pirsch come back with? What will all of those come back with who think that this bill is going to abolish crime? Even Senator Witek has caught on now. She knows this bill will not do it. But you'll be back again next year because Senator Stenberg...I meant General Stenberg is not going to win the seat to the U.S. Senate, so he will still be here. But in order to have a jump-off to run for