

breadth of this issue that we're dealing with, the profound implications of the language in this amendment and, finally, the fact that nothing has been done to improve or correct it. Perhaps this would be one of those times, Senator Hillman, when I will just go ahead and let the Legislature have what it wants. Let them go ahead and do it the way that they please and I won't offer any amendments, and I will be the one who will laugh and mock. And, Senator Kristensen, I was one of those who, along with Senator Schmit, talked about the former Senator...no, Senator Schmit who is a former senator, he is still Senator Schmit, Loran Schmit, about how what the rural interests and agricultural interests were after could turn around and bite them. This is a bad provision. The body, for whatever reason, wants to give Senator Hillman what she's asking for. But you owe more to your constituents, the state and the constitution than you owe to any individual senator. This is not a good proposition as written. Even if the defects in it are corrected, from the standpoint of policy I don't think it's wise. In its existing form there is absolutely no justification for voting in favor of it. So I hope you will vote for the bracket motion.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Hillman.

SENATOR HILLMAN: Yes, Mr. Speaker, members. Senator Chambers, I do appreciate your remarks and the fact that there's not a date in your bracket motion. And to perhaps address just a few of your concerns and we are coming to this and interpreting this piece of legislation, obviously, you know, from different viewpoints. But in using your analogy, you know, of the train and the track and the missing parts, to me that's what belongs in the constitution, is that it's open and it's broad enough that we can address what needs to be done in statute. When we put everything in the constitution then we truly are locked into it. And this is an extremely, extremely important step in the changes when it comes to county government. And I don't know if we'll do everything, like any time we do statute, absolutely perfect and correct. Probably one of the things I found in differences between you and I, Senator Chambers, on the floor, is that...and maybe that's the way the Legislature always has to work. You always look for the worst thing that happened, I always look for the best thing that can happen. And I think some good things could happen when it comes to what I'm going to call reform in county government. The other thing is we're not