

wrong with it, we're going to put a train on the track, we're going to start it down the track and we're going to come come out with something to change it. I guess I would like you to examine the suggestion in the amendment by Senator Scofield in light of the fact that our own rules ask us to have public hearings on any number of bills, or those 1,200 bills that Senator Schmit referred to, regardless of how important or unimportant that the general public might think they are. It seems to me that we ought to at least follow that same process for something as important as the issue raised with Initiative 300. We ought to at least ask for some input by the folks across this state. I'll tell you there are a lot of people that are impacted with it that aren't going to take the time or have the finances to travel two, three, four hundred miles to come down here and tell us down here on this level. Some of the folks that have the finances to come down here might have a different point of view than some of the others. So I have a real problem with the part of the amendment that says we are going to strike Section 4. I also have some real problems with Section 5 of the amendment, the part that says that we are not going to prepare a document, we are not going to make a report to the Governor and the Legislature, and that we are not going to give enough time to gather all the facts, the necessary facts, and consider the findings and the recommendations. Instead we are going to say we are going to have a report on a date certain, March 15th, in time for this Legislature, in this session, to consider those recommendations. Then it goes ahead and says, if you read the language, it says they may indicate what information remains ungathered or unanalyzed. Well, you know, I'm kind of an uneducated person. There is a lot of information out there I don't even know about. How in the devil, if there is information out there that they haven't had time to gather and don't know about it, how are they going to be able to tell us here is the information we weren't able to get or we didn't know? It seems to me if you don't know the answer to a question that is one thing, but if you don't even know the question, that is something else. If it is such an important issue, and it is an important issue,...

SPEAKER NICHOL: One minute.

SENATOR VICKERS: ...we have had special sessions of this Legislature for a lot less important issues than the issue of Initiative 300. We had a special session last year to