

Legislature not to pass this bill. I think it would be a grave mistake to adopt this amendment and I would ask that you reject it. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Vickers. The speaking order after Senator Vickers is Senator Beutler, Chizek, Chambers.

SENATOR VICKERS: Well, Mr. President and members, I am going to support Senator Chambers with his motion, but more importantly, I would like to speak to the bill itself and to the issue brought forth by the bill, and remind you that because of a lot of the frustration and the hurt and the anger that goes along with the financial crisis that my people are experiencing, that perhaps that is the reason for this type of legislation to start with, and that is unfortunate. It is never beneficial in my opinion to try to place blame for what may have happened in the past. Unfortunately that is human nature, however. Unfortunately the first response to the situation that is going on is, first of all, rejection, this can't be happening to me, secondly sets in the blame. It is either government's fault. It is the banker's fault or the lending institution's fault or it is my fault, and out of that comes a lot of bad things that none of us like to see happen, such as suicide, such as attacks on lending institutions, and such as those situations that Senator Chizek and others are trying to address. I don't condone any of those either any more than I condone the action of an individual against himself because of the depression and the blame that they might have been caused to feel. But I would urge all of you to read the current language, read the language that is being stricken, ask yourself if that law and that language was enforced, what the problem really would be. I, too, have some real problems with beginning the process which I think is a dangerous process of trying to read a person's intent before an action has taken place. It seems to me that if we are concerned about paramilitary groups getting the weapons which, quite frankly, are already illegal to have, and drilling together, practicing together, forming groups together, belonging to groups together, the current language prohibits it. The current language of the law prohibits it. I fail to understand what the problem is and I have attempted to keep up with this. I guess I just caution one more time putting in language in the statutes as trying to guess an individual's intent when they are under