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SENATOR CROSBY: Okay, I have my light on, so I will ask you a couple more. Thank you. Thank you.

SENATOR WARNER: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, the discussion has really been enlightening this evening and I am glad to see the focus on the young people who do need some guidance and some assistance in grappling with the many problems that they face in this society, which those of us who are my age, most of you are younger, did not have to confront. There are things that are in the faces of young people now which we would have to go hide someplace to be exposed to. So I really appreciate the fact that Senator Hillman, Senator Rasmussen have worked so hard to bring the focus of this discussion on the issue that is now before us. But what I must do at all times is be very practical and realistic. If I were Senator Lindsay, which I am not, and as intelligent as Senator Lindsay, which I am not, I am more so. Where is Senator Lindsay? Here is what I would do, I would support this amendment. Then I would challenge those who put this amendment into LB 78 to vote to advance it. Then the bill, which definitely is not going to move, there are not enough votes for cloture, may move to Select File, and then when it is on Select File, you try to get it scheduled since it did move, and then you strip this out because you have the votes to do it. And the ones who felt that they had achieved something will have succeeded only in building the bridge that carried LB 78 across the chasm, which otherwise it could not cross. So I want you all who support this amendment of Senator Landis to understand that I am in agreement with what the amendment seeks to do, but I have been around this track a lot of times, and I have been in this Legislature a long time, and if they hadn't thought of what I just suggested, they would have thought of it. So I will not support this amendment by a vote, but I will not vote against it. That is the position I have to take because I think the idea and concept is too noble for me to have a no vote showing against it. What Senator Landis offered that brought us to this point, he and Senator Lindsay, was a proposition that resulted in people, who don't support LB 78, casting a vote which could make it appear that they do. Their vote can be construed as an attempt to prevent any harm befalling LB 78 because the language they voted to defeat was language which would have wiped out LB 78, had it been adopted. So with all of the good discussion that has