

SPEAKER WITHEM PRESIDING

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR LYNCH: They can't afford to compete. They can't afford to compete politically with people that can come up with, in some constitutional offices, a half a million dollars of their own money and, most of all, they can't compete because they can't afford to serve because of the salary. So if all the do-gooders around here that want to do something about ethics and want to fix the system, make it possible for people to serve who are competent, raise the salary so they can serve. Maybe Common Cause will even recommend something meaningful like that some day and make it so that we control the cost of elections so that people can also afford to campaign. And if we want ethics, let's attach this amendment to 944 so that everybody in the system, elected, managers, administrators, appointed commissions and the rest, will have to conform to those same standards. I've got all kinds of information. If we wanted to talk all night, I could. I didn't...I didn't break this amendment down, obviously, in five parts because it wasn't my intention to harass the bill, but I've got some experience. One professor...

SPEAKER WITHEM: Time.

SENATOR LYNCH: Okay.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, thank you, Mr. President. Members of the body, Senator Lynch, I have to...I have to inform you that this really isn't Senator Bromm's bill, it is his priority bill, it is actually Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee bill, but I just had to let you know that so that you would know who wrote this bad bill. Senator Lynch, you raised some excellent points and I agree with you that we need to do some of these things and, in fact, from the very beginning when I introduced some of the...threw out some of the provisions of this bill as, you know, to sort of get public input back, one of the things I said was that no matter what we did this year we would have to come back to the Executive Branch and the agencies and local political subdivisions, and those interim study amendments, or resolutions are in and I would prefer to take it up at that time and include it with everybody. I mean, you have