

mine would strike all references to a summary. I have tried to say everything that I think is necessary to explain what it is I want to do and why, but if there are any questions, I will answer them.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Wesely, to speak on the Chambers amendment.

SENATOR WESELY: Madam President, members, let me clarify perhaps the intent of the Chambers amendment, because I do think having a summary of a bill, after it's been amended and is before us on F...well, what would be called Final Reading, would be available, it doesn't necessarily mean we have to read it. But we have a summary of the bill as it comes out of committee, that's very helpful to us. But then, through the amendment process on General and Select File, all kinds of things get done and there is no additional summary done. And here we are scrambling, trying to search through to find a way to make sense of it all, after maybe weeks have elapsed since the bill was advanced to Final Reading. So I think the concept of a summary makes sense. But it doesn't necessarily have to be in the constitution, so I'd like to ask Senator Chambers to talk about if we don't put the language in the constitution it would still be possible, through our rules, I would assume, to at least have somebody prepare a summary of the bill as amended on the floor of the Legislature, not necessarily that it be read, but if we chose to have it read. I mean would those be options we could take under our own rules, short of having to have a constitutional amendment? I guess I'd ask Senator Chambers to respond to that.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President, members of the Legislature, the constitution does give us the right to adopt rules to govern the internal operation of the Legislature, and we can do that. If we put this shal' language in the constitution, we are required then, by the constitution, to have a summary. Since that is put into the part of the constitution relating to how bills are dealt with, the failure to provide a summary would prevent the Clerk or the President from saying, All provisions of law having been complied with. And the failure then to provide a summary could go to invalidating that bill. It should be out of the constitution for the reasons that I feel were adequate, which I gave. But in answer to Senator Wesely's