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SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Madam President, members of the Legislature. Senator Chambers, in response to you, before I begin, I suppose out of the mouths of babes comes...well it's something like that, Senator. Now that you're not paying attention, it probably goes by the word, if you were Coach Krzyzewski or something, I'd probably do that. You know I sit and think about this and that some of the words of opposition are heartfelt, and it's almost to the point where if you would vote for this maybe you show disrespect for the system. But let me tell you, if you think that because you sit in your chair that you're going to do a better job because you are there physically, that's not true. What's true, what makes you better is that you have the discipline to decide how to vote. It's the respect you have as an individual for the system that determines how you're going to vote and when you're going to vote. And you know what happens so often during Final Reading, we check out of here, either physically or intellectually, because of the droning on, and it has nothing to do with whether you sit there. Do individuals use that time wisely? Some certainly do. Some have the discipline and the respect, and they do it in that manner, at that time and it works. Others choose to do it in the quiet of their office the day before. But it has nothing to do with whether the system is right or wrong. The key is here what flexibility do you allow. And I suggest to you that the system isn't designed to take people who don't care and make you care, it doesn't work that way. What works that way is for you to sit down and decide how you're going to vote. Now I might suggest to you that I have a fear of people rattling off and saying LB 21, yes or no, LB 32, yes or no, and rattling through that. How do you solve that problem? Maybe give five minutes for people to record their vote instead of immediately, that's what's done in several other legislative bodies, in deliberative bodies around the world is that you have a period of time to enter your vote. Does that give you the period of reflection? Yes. Does that make more sense than sitting here for three hours this morning listening to mumbling? Yes. But that's something we can decide to do. Obviously slowing down the Legislature is a great thing to say on the stump. And I suggest to you that that's not good either. The system may take its time to work, but to institutionally just slow it down because the members don't have the discipline to do so isn't right