

is meet and satisfy what the public regards as a genuinely independent review of our records if we're to win their confidence. If we get to name our own auditor and bypass the Auditor's office, my instinct...

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR LANDIS: ...tells me we will not meet that standard, which is why I offer the amendment. I want to preserve, as 579 does, a least restrictive methodology for maintaining confidentiality, that's a good idea. I also want to open up the records on nonconfidential phone calls and 579 does that. But I need to do that in the way that the public supports and feels comfortable with, and if that ultimate auditing responsibility is of our selection to avoid a political fight with a political enemy, we will have missed the chance to establish the credibility with the public, which I think asks us to submit our records to a critic and to be able to meet that standard. I ask you...well, I don't ask you, I do this for myself, I...

PRESIDENT MOUL: Time.

SENATOR LANDIS: ...wanted an opportunity someplace along the line to vote for exactly the bill I wanted to be able to support and this amendment does that. Decide for yourself. I'm not asking you to join me. What I am saying is I want to go back to my constituency and say, this is the form of the bill I most wanted. I had an opportunity and I voted aye. This shows you what my intentions are.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Time.

SENATOR LANDIS: Choose for yourself what values you place on the issue.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Landis. I will now recognize Senator Warner, followed by Senators Beutler, Crosby, Vrtiska, Hall, Chambers, Moore, Bromm, Abboud and Ashford. Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Madam President and members of the Legislature, I rise to oppose the Landis amendment. I had forgotten how much time I had spent last summer on this issue until I read the summary Senator Hall sent out, the chronological order of events. The reason I oppose the amendment, and Senator Hall has