

that designation, that protection applies to the terms of your amendment as well?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Absolutely. The purpose of this amendment would be to put us all on the same footing and any protection for constituents that would be available in 579 would be available if this amendment were to be adopted.

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you. I wanted that into the record and I can understand why you would...you would know why I'd want that into the record in this case. Senator Chambers, I think, makes a point that I think it's meant to be instructive rather the formation of policy, but I understand it. I live in this town, the work that I do is done in this town, friends that I have are in this town, if I wish to call them on my phone, I can do it and it's a local call for me. That's not true for my colleagues. I think he's asking for some measure of consistency so that what he is at risk of and the rest of you who don't live in Lincoln are at risk of, in 579, I share the risk of as well. And, to that extent, I think I shouldn't impose on other's standards which I would not otherwise live with myself. And, for that reason, I'll vote for the Chambers amendment, impish as it may be.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Landis. Senator Hohenstein. Senator Wehrbein. Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL: Madam President, I rise to oppose the amendment, impish as it may be. For that reason alone, it's...it is, I think, ridiculous. It adds to the ridiculous nature of the discussion that we were having on the Landis amendment with regard to how much disclosure would be necessary, how much we have to hold ourselves out to the public. I mean, Senator Bromm said that this is about disclosure, not deception. Read the bill. Read the bill as it's introduced. LB 579, as it's on Select File, holds the Legislature to a higher standard than any other governmental entity, period, period. That's what 579 does. It takes us above and beyond any other group without the Landis amendment. It just flat out does it. That's what it does. That's just what the bill does. We don't try to immune ourselves from anything. We are not immune at all. What we do is try to protect the people that send us here, the people that hold us...hold their confidences in us. That's what we do through 579. That's all we do, nothing more than that. No matter what anybody writes in a paper, no matter what anybody