

big issue out of somebody calling to find out something back at home because they're working late down here, telling their wife or their husband they're going to be home late, and that will be in a campaign brochure, it will be in the articles the press writes. Part of this problem is the press attitude that I've seen over the years. They love to focus on the minute and the small and then the public follows or the public gets interested and all of a sudden that small issue becomes a major concern. We've got to be bigger than that. We've got to understand what's important, what the priorities are as a state. We've got to stand up sometimes against the public opinion that we all are concerned about but in some cases is misplaced. And the public concern about this issue is misplaced. We ought to pass the bill as it stands, get the issue behind us, let us move forward on the more important issues that we need to address. Let us not take more time and, with the Landis amendment if you should somehow adopt it, we'll be spending this time year in and year out, session after session, election after election, and I don't think that's the way we should be spending our time or taking the public's attention to focus on that particular problem. It isn't the problem it's being told to be by the Auditor. He's making it a political issue and we don't need to fall into that trap. Let's avoid that trap, oppose the Landis amendment, pass this bill.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Wesely. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President and members of the Legislature, Senator Landis, you...I think you used the word "instructive", this amendment is not good policy. This amendment that I'm offering is not good policy. For me, if I would insist on this, I would be the one suggesting that my colleagues are somehow dishonest, misusing the telephones and all of these other things that I'm objecting to. The purpose was to show the kind of stickiness we get into on these kind of issues when we let people outside the Legislature persuade us that we ought to cut off the power that this body has as a coordinate branch of government to legislate. We let people say, that's not consistent based on how I view it, so you better do what I say you need to do to be consistent. Ridiculous. I've...I picked up on part of what Senator Bromm said and, being now, he probably doesn't understand my method of speaking English very well yet. But for him to say that somehow my wanting to maintain the confidentiality of my constituents contradicts my position of being against the lottery makes no