

opinion that drives their vote and that happens. I am not going to fault them for doing that, but I just...on my vote on this issue, I am going to vote my convictions. That is a vote no on Senator Landis's. I don't think it is the right thing to do. As I told people in my district, I understand politics. I understand the Legislature is getting beat over the brain on this. The easiest thing to do, the eas'est thing to keep the State Auditor quiet is to give him the records. That's the easiest thing to do to keep other people quiet, but, unfortunately, for me it is not the right thing to do and that's why I am going to vote no on Senator Landis's amendment. I don't think it is the right thing to do. One other thing, many of the editorial writers that use this issue to beat us over the head simply don't even bother to check into the facts. Yeah, I think the Hastings paper and maybe the McCook paper, some other outstate papers, editorialized well after this bill was introduced, well after the A bill, this bill will cost the taxpayers extra money. If you read the A bill, that is absolutely not correct. What we simply do with the A bill is you decrease the appropriation to the Auditor by \$10,000, transfer it over to us. We can choose to pay the Auditor to do the audit, if we choose to use the Auditor, or pay the auditing firm; no additional tax dollars whatsoever, no additional tax dollars whatsoever. That's a fact many people...some editorial writers have chosen to ignore, but other people, instead of going out and defending the Legislature, many members of this body may jump on the bandwagon of the editorial writers. That's the way it goes. Vote on the facts, vote your convictions, whatever happens happens.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Moore. Senator Withem.

SENATOR WITHEM: I would call the question.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Are there sufficient seconds? There are. We will now vote on the motion to cease debate. All those in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 14 ayes, 17 nays to cease debate, Madam President.

PRESIDENT MOUL: The motion failed. Senator Coordsen, you are next.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Madam President and members of the body. I rise in opposition to the Landis amendment. I have not