

lion. And I don't frame this issue versus the Legislature versus the Auditor. I frame this issue between the Legislature and the public and what we will do to meet the public that I think understands this issue well enough. I think they are in the ballpark here, folks. I think there are some things that they don't know about, there are some minor matters, but I think there were public regards in those minor matters. We have a public system of auditing generally public accounts, good, bad, or indifferent, and that is the judge we use for the standards that apply, and we are not submitting ourselves to that same standard, or we are opening ourselves not to submit ourselves to that same standard, and I think it doesn't pass the public's general reaction to the body's work here. It is true, this is a legal issue and we should go to a court, but would the court award us credibility? Would it repair the public's perception of us? That is not the remedy the court can grant. The court can answer a legal question, it cannot give us the award of public confidence. That is not a remedy they can give us. We, and only we, are capable of doing that, which is what I think is involved with just why I bother to offer this amendment, given the face of all of the opposition. Let me close with what I think is...I said that we should submit to a critic, I didn't say that we must submit to a critic, but I did say that we should submit to a critic and I will tell you why. It is the kind of thing that heals...

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR LANDIS: ...perceptions. Israelis and Egyptians for ten years kept saying to each other we want peace, we want peace, from the Knesset in Tel-Aviv and from the Imperial Palace in Cairo, neither side believing the other side. Sadat got into a plane, flew to Jerusalem, got out in Israeli occupied territory and said, again, I want peace, and the Israelis finally believed him. The perception was significant. The submitting yourself to the risk of the critic repaired, in that case, the rent in the perceptions of those two parties and that is why submitting ourselves to a critic that does not have our confidence repairs us to what I think is the ultimate responsibility, and that is to meet the public confidence in the operation of the Legislature without...

PRESIDENT MOUL: Time.

SENATOR LANDIS: ...sacrificing the principle of