

has followed for a decade and I hope he won't step aside from that position of leadership with respect to the underlying issue which is up here without dissent and with the approval of the body prepared to make a demonstrative voice on behalf of freedom, on behalf of the end of apartheid, on behalf of the dawning of a real democracy in South Africa. I hope we're not...I hope we don't lose the chance to make that in a fit of pique and in an effort to force the body to take a similar position on the MacBride Principles.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Landis. Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Madam President, and members, I misspoke earlier when I said I would withdraw the amendment, not that I didn't intend to. I can't. The amendment had been amended by Senator Chambers and, therefore, I don't have the ability to withdraw it. Otherwise, I would right now so it wouldn't be in front of us. With that, I would urge you to vote no on the amendment, even though I firmly believe in what the MacBride Principles embody. I think it's the right thing. I think it's the right public policy for this state. I don't think debate on the MacBride Principles was time wasted. We spent very little time after they were adopted debating, but we wasted a lot of time. I don't take any ownership in that. The fact of the matter is though I would concur, for the most part, what Senator Landis said. I would hope, Senator Chambers, that you would not withdraw the bill. I think it's an important piece of legislation. I don't want to see it wait another year. I would hope that we could pull the MacBride Principles, get on about the process, advance LB 1066. That's it. Every once in a while we do some things that eats at each of us and eats a little bit at a time off the clock. I don't know that it's necessarily time wasted, but, in this case, I think that the...the better course is to reject the Hall amendment and then advance 1066 to Final Reading. Ernie, I would hope you would allow us an opportunity to do that because I think that's a good piece of legislation.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Hall. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President and members of the Legislature, I'm going to tell my Thomas Moore story again. Thomas Moore was being asked to sign a paper which others had signed approving of what Henry the VIII had done, and the one sitting at the table wanted to point out that they had signed