

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...and they vote against our children. This is an issue that if it ties up the rest of the session, it should do it. There is no other issue that is as important to me. And if this kind of thing is not wanted, don't send this kind of thing out here. The majority of voices can be on the other side, but that does not make them right. And there are others who may feel that things ought to be done differently, but they don't have the spine to do it, but there is at least one that does. And this is an issue that I see as being wrong in a moral sense, and it should not have the brand of approval of this Legislature. And I'm going to do all that I can, under the rules, to see that this...

SPEAKER BARRETT: Time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...monstrosity does not become law.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator McFarland, please, followed by Senators Ashford and Pirsch.

SENATOR MCFARLAND: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and fellow senators. With all due respect to Senator Chambers, not necessarily the best mind walked out of the committee hearing, one of the better minds did, however. There were some minds left. As a matter of fact, after he walked out we attempted to discuss some of the problems with this amendment. And we had discussed it, I suspect, for about 20 minutes before he walked out. We discussed this for about 2 or 3 minutes after he walked out, because, as we started to discuss the problems with the amendment itself, one of the sponsors of the legislation, the supporters of the legislation, one of the committee members said, we have discussed this long enough, let's just run it, let's just run it out onto the floor, we've got the votes here, it isn't going to do any good to discuss it any longer, let's run it out onto the floor of the Legislature and let the Legislature discuss it. And that is the exact problem we are addressing here. People in the Judiciary Committee voted in favor of this thing, to get it out on the floor, without discussing it enough in committee. I was one of the ones who voted against getting it out on the floor, and against sending it out here in this form without it being properly amended. But this is what we are confronted with because every amendment that I have heard so far has had some merit to it. And it calls into question every aspect of the bill in its present form, and this committee amendment in its present form. So I hope you will