

the crucial issues of voting and representation, suddenly we're going to throw that out of the Legislature and say somebody else ought to do it. Senator Labeledz, Polish people have finally told America they don't like Polish jokes any more, and you know what the World Herald said, that's tough, look at Carter's jokes and then you won't mind it so much. But the people who are degraded and humiliated are the ones to tell you the impact of that degradation and humiliation. I remember one day in the Legislature some people were about to make a joke, and Senator Labeledz was there and I told them don't tell that joke while I'm here, and I have respect for her as a lady and I don't want to hear it. She may forget the incident. But that's funny. I have no representation, and people can kick it out of the Legislature and say, let the ones who deny me representation vote and confirm by an election that I should not have it. The U.S. Supreme Court has said there are certain things that are so fundamental that they should not be submitted to...

SENATOR NICHOL: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...a popularity contest or poll, Senator Merz, and the kinds of things that are being done with this bill, I think, are deplorable. One of these days... one of these days we may have a different situation similar to that which occurred in the sixties, and maybe we'll be on different sides of the table then, and maybe some people who can take the denial of representation to others so casually will have a different tune to sing on that day. I feel that I am marking time in this Legislature. I feel that I'm marking time in this country, but while we do have time we ought to make the best use of it. We ought to demonstrate that by our every public act we did all that was within our power to do to make this country what it professes to the rest of the world to be, not by shifting, Senator Kelly, our responsibility to people whose responsibility it is not. We were elected to govern, and that is precisely what we ought to do, and I'm opposed to Senator Kelly's amendment.

SENATOR NICHOL: Senator Simon, and then we have Senator Pirsch, Labeledz and Newell. Senator Simon.

SENATOR SIMON: A question first of Senator Kelly, please, if he will yield. Senator Kelly...

SENATOR KELLY: Yes, sir.