

SENATOR SIMON: Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Cullan, I would like to have you stick around so you can speak before we get through. Senator Landis, the floor is yours.

SENATOR LANDIS: I don't wish to be combative today and I am going to not hopefully raise my voice too far on this measure but I think it is an important issue to address. Remember when we talked about this before and John DeCamp got up and said, well, gosh, you know the trains are running on time. Let's not worry about who is running the show. Prove the need. Show us the evidence. Where are the abuses that are going unmet and unserved and unless we have this body of evidence let's not rock the boat? And that is an interesting idea and it is one that has a lot of currency on the floor of the Legislature but I think actually it is a kind of equivocation of our position as legislators, as policy makers, as to how the law ought to be and I object to it in this context and I hope to object to it in the future as well. You know if you look at the history of the United States and you applied John's theory we would have no Revolutionary War. If you take a look historically to the position of the American people prior to 1776 and after 1783 and the cessation of the combat you realize that Americans were worse off in many measures. Number one, before 1776 they didn't have to raise an army. That was provided by England. Their tax load was lighter than the average English citizen's tax load. They were getting more government, more services for less money. At the end of the war their economy was in shambles. Their legal tender was inflated. Their economy slumped terrible. They had all kinds of tariffs. They had an unworkable series of governments called the Articles of Confederation and, in fact, they were worse off and if you apply John DeCamp's theory to that we probably shouldn't have had a Revolutionary War because what we were talking there was policy, philosophy. Who is going to run the show? You see the trains were running on time just fine before 1776 and we had our problem there of philosophy, representation and that is what we have got here. John's is well, gosh, you know, those trains are running on time. Let's not worry who is pulling the levers. I think it is an unfair and short sided outlook to take. We had the discussion by Senator Cope using, if you will, the bluff of what about the attorneys? Are you willing to live with this philosophy applied to you and that bluff was called on the floor here by Senator Beutler, Senator Hoagland and I add my own voice to that. You put up there the same kind of a situation, the same philosophy of representing the consumer to