

.pulls my strings and I don't care what agreements are made, I represent the people in my district...

SPEAKER NICHOL: Okay.

SENATOR LANDIS: Mr. Speaker...

SENATOR HIGGINS: This is a point of personal privilege that I have asked for and I have already received permission to say.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Okay.

SENATOR HIGGINS: And that is all I had to say.

SPEAKER NICHOL: All right.

SENATOR LANDIS: Mr. Speaker, this has been going on for the entire session, the use of the point of personal privilege to continue either floor debate or discussion. The rule says that the point of personal privilege is to be used to address an issue not before us...

.SPEAKER NICHOL: You are right.

SENATOR LANDIS: ...not part of debate but perhaps in response to maybe some slanderous news article or something that is not part of our discussion. The chance to discuss the debate comes to an end with closing and I hope that the Chair will ask for the statement of the point to them and then make a ruling whether the point is in order or out of order so we can establish whether these things should continue or not.

SPEAKER NICHOL: You are right. You are absolutely right and that is...however, the only problem is occasionally by the time they state their point it is too late to make a decision.

SENATOR LANDIS: My suggestion is then that the Chair say whether the point is in order or out of order so the body will know what the appropriate line is.

SPEAKER NICHOL: But at what point would you like to have the Chair make their decision, before they say anything?