

the rug today, perhaps that can happen to a few of your constituents in the near future the next time it is inconvenient or difficult to address the needs of some minority group and believe me I represent a minority group here. Perhaps you will be faced with that as a senator yourself. I think that goes against everything that our government is supposed to stand for and I would urge you to really reconsider that. As I really think if Senator Beutler would think a little bit about what he said, I think he would choke on that because he's not that kind of man and so I would ask you to think long and hard about that, reject these amendments and help us get down to resolving this in a more realistic fashion. I have considered my own position and what I suggested, I was going to do earlier, and I did place a strike the enacting clause amendment up there. I have thought about that and what does that really say? And I would agree with Senator Johnson that everybody in here agrees we need to address this issue and I don't feel any particular need to win on this issue. I hope that the proponents aren't simply acting out of a particular need to win on this issue, but I sure think that Senator DeCamp might have hit the nail on the head when he used the analogy between the two battles because that sort of seems to be what is going on here. We have two sides that have faced off and they absolutely must win and it doesn't really matter what we pass apparently. So as a step to indicate my good faith and my willingness to work this out rather than just slap something through I am going to propose that we leave the bill around and put it in committee, but I have to tell you that given the way things are going, we are not making progress from my point of view and I just have really begun to doubt our ability to successfully deal with this issue on the floor today. Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Vickers, please.

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President, I call the question.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do. The question is, shall debate cease? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Debate has ceased. Senator Vard Johnson.