

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President, Senator DeCamp, instead of having a call on the question, we've had about four people, I believe, speak in support of the motion. I believe that there ought to be someone to speak, at least, in a neutral position and I would like to at least have that opportunity. I have not spoken on the issue all day.

PRESIDENT: Because of the extreme length of the speaking list and the fact that we're into the discussion, I will not put the question to you at this time and recognize Senator Goll. Next to speak is Senator Schmit and then Senator Carsten.

SENATOR GOLL: Mr. President and ladies and gentlemen of the Legislature, two or three sessions ago Senator Landis said I will not bleed you with impatient rhetoric and I certainly don't want to do that this afternoon, but I want to tell you a little story. Just a few weeks ago I was one of those privileged individuals who, along with our two sons, got to witness the last game of the World Series and if you listened to the World Series or if you watched the World Series on television or if you were very lucky like I was and you got to be there in person, you sensed the drama, you sensed the suspense that was building, that was building as the game proceeded to the ninth inning when there were only nine strikes left to win. And then there were only three, and then there were only one. And, ladies and gentlemen, we're in the last half of the ninth inning and we have some decisions to make. You know, this is a marvelous institution, the State Legislature. There are some people who perceive it in many different ways, but we are a marvelous, marvelous institution. We have a generous portion of personalities. We make decisions, a magnitude of decisions that are unknown to most people and we try to do what is right. What we do what is right, sometimes isn't fair. Sometimes it isn't even reasonable, but at the time it has to be right. Senator Warner said the other morning at a breakfast at which he was speaking, he says, you know, we're making votes that we don't even like ourselves. We're making those votes that we don't even like ourselves, but we're making the votes that at the time are right. And, ladies and gentlemen, I just want you to think about it and make the vote that you know has to be right. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Schmit.