

debate at every stage and force the bill through.

SENATOR NELSON: I would imagine that...

SENATOR LINDSAY: (inaudible) take a look at it. I'm not quite as naive as you think.

SENATOR NELSON: I would imagine that the people in your area are just like mine. If I took a poll, probably right now, 95 percent of them would say, why did you do it this afternoon? Otherwise, I would say probably 65 to 70 percent of the people in my area would not approve of what's gone on this afternoon or the length of time. So I'm not that naive.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Senator Nelson, I don't disagree. I don't disagree that people wouldn't approve of what's gone on. The question is, where do we lay the blame? I have not attempted to extend the debate. I have not offered amendments to...that do not have what are a reasonable opportunity of being adopted. The same question you pose to me, about does LB 78 stand a chance of passing, go to the Bernard-Stevens amendment. There are 27, 28, 29 votes to advance the bill. Is the Bernard-Stevens amendment really going to be adopted? Are we really spending six hours on an amendment that has no chance of getting adopted?

SENATOR NELSON: It's the same thing as when we started at one-thirty or one-thirty-five or one-forty today, is all we've done is made the Legislature, in the eyes of the public, look like a fool.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Determining on the definition of "we", I agree.

SENATOR NELSON: I just...I don't...it's unfortunate, but it's...to me, that's what's happened.

SENATOR WARNER: Senator Schmit. I should comment there are several of you who have lights on who have spoken three times. I'm merely passing over on the assumption that you want to hold your position on another amendment, so Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Ladies and gentlemen and members, I'm not really sensitive as to the amount of time we take on this issue. I do not speak often because my position is known so well. I