

PRESIDENT: No, I think you've gone beyond your point.

SENATOR HALL: I know I have. I clearly understand that, and I think we all have. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Yes. Senator Scofield, would you like to close?

SENATOR SCOFIELD: Mr. President, members, as I mentioned before, I think that you've made up your mind how you are going to vote on the bill, and I think given the time limit it is appropriate that we go ahead and vote to suspend the rules so that you can cast your vote on the issue. Let me restate that videotaping is a very narrow application. I think you could characterize Senator McFarland's argument as kind of a kitchen sink argument, there is everything in there, maybe, but the kitchen sink and maybe a piece of the sink, too. Anybody whose ever worked with a child, and I suspect you could even consult with these folks alongside who run the cameras, can tell you that it is very difficult to bring a kid in before a camera and coach them and make things turn out just perfect, and that seems to be the main concern that is being raised here. I can tell you from my experience in television that any time that I can get a kid before a jury I would. The desire here is, of course, to use this whenever poss...whenever necessary for those kids that are so traumatized that they never have a chance to even be heard that you might choose to use a videotape. But I don't think you're going to see people lining up to use it. It isn't that easy a process. I think we have to trust the system to work and allow such exceptions as have already been agreed to by the court. This bill simply puts it in statute and sets out some guidelines for how this process should be legitimately used in the courtroom setting. So I would urge you to vote to suspend the rules, and then to vote to advance the bill. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: The question is the suspension of the rules. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Requires 30 votes. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 30 ayes, 5 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to suspend the rules and vote, without further amendment or debate, on the advancement of the bill.

PRESIDENT: The rules have been suspended, now the question is