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separate poles, same poles, relationship to one another and so the committee amendments simply took the language to change to read that the flag would be placed relative to proper protocol, flag protocol. That was the committee amendment.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Conway. Senator Landis, will address your amendment.

CLERK: Senator, you had an amendment to strike Sections 3 and 4 from the bill, drafted to the committee amendments.

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I had made what I thought was a narrow, small, little amendment the other day and provoked a rhetorical fire storm on the floor. I would like to go back to my line of argument, absent the internationalist perspective of certain members of the Legislature, a certain member of the Legislature who shall go unnamed and unknown. But to establish my point I would like to ask Senator Conway a question, if I could, or two, about the purpose of the bill. Senator Conway, the purpose of the bill, is it not, is to authorize, because the statutes are now silent, the flying of the POW flag, where on public buildings you have chief administrative officers who are unwilling to do so absent a clear line of authority. Is that a fair characterization of the argument that you give on behalf of the measure?

SENATOR CONWAY: I would say it is.

SENATOR LANDIS: Okay. Let me ask this question. Is it your intent by passing this bill and this language to foreclose that the one and only flag other than the U.S. flag and the state flag that could fly on a public building be the POW flag only?

SENATOR CONWAY: It is not intended to foreclose any other flag that they possibly be there. I would rather it be that way and I know of no other flags that one is attempting to fly, but my intentions are if something that is meritorious were to be brought forward, I wouldn't foreclose that without discussion or debate.

SENATOR LANDIS: Would you...is it your attempt to foreclose local authorities from having the authority to choose another flag in addition, let's say, to the POW flag to fly on a public building? Do you want to stop local authorities from doing