

Senator Haberman, old King Henry, the Eighth, wanted to get people to agree that what he was doing with reference to his domestic situation was the right thing to do, and Thomas More would not go along with it. So he was brought before these three individuals, one of whom was a friend, there was a representative of the church, and probably somebody from the legal fraternity, and all Thomas More would have had to do was sign a piece of paper. And people said, they said you don't even have to believe this, Thomas, just sign it. And he said, why should I sign the paper? And his friends said, look, I've signed it, bishops have signed it, people at all levels have signed it, sign it for companionship sake, Thomas. And Thomas More said, when we die and we stand to be judged and you are sent to heaven because you did not violate your conscience by signing, and I am sent to hell because I did violate mine by signing, will you then go to hell with me for companionship sake? Those people for whom this is a matter of principle, think beyond today, think beyond this moment, and all of the things that have gone into bringing us to this unfortunate turn of events. I will say again today what I said the other day on another matter, it is never too late to do what you know to be the right thing. There are those on this floor who know that this is not right. I am not going to support Senator Schimek's amendment. There are some things maybe I'd do for somebody out of friendship or companionship, but not something like this. Even though Senator Schimek feels bound to bring this amendment, she cannot bind me to accept it, and I will not accept it. I hope there are enough votes to turn this amendment aside. In the same way that the body has pushed its way through other difficult times and circumstances, do it in this instance. This is a substantive issue. Nobody can say they did not understand what we were voting for. If this agreement is the linchpin of other agreements or an overall arrangement, remember that if the atomic bomb secrets could not be kept secret, why trust in some arrangement holding together when the pressures become great. If the pressure at this point is such that it will drive people away from a position that they took knowingly, deliberately, consciously, intentionally after long,...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...acrimonious debate, what will befall those individuals and the body, as a whole, when true pressure is brought to bear? This Legislature, in a sense, is struggling for its soul, and each time one of these kinds of things is