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in an attempt to solve problems, and I think we all agree are probably out there. So what I would ask you to do is to say, yes, I realize the volunteer question maybe we ought to address, but let's not do it with this amendment and let's not do it with this bill. And there are some other issues that may be raised very shortly. Yes, they are probably legitimate issues, but let's not deal with them in this bill. We have spent hours on this bill today. We have spent two days prior on this bill. It is really not worth the time we are putting into it because we wouldn't be putting these hours into the bill if we would have spent time in committee dealing with those separate issues with a separate bill. We spent time in committee on the bill as it was originally introduced and as it has been substantially amended on the floor, but properly amended on the floor. We can't write legislation on the floor like this. This is wrong. This is not the way to deal with legislation. We are passing unconstitutional provisions. We are passing legislation that hasn't been carefully thought through, carefully drafted, all for good purposes but all for naught.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Your time is up.

SENATOR WESELY: In other words, I would oppose this amendment, if I were you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Newell, do you wish to speak to the Schmit amendment?

SENATOR NEWELL: I do, Mr. President. Mr. President, I am going to vote against the Schmit amendment but it really don't make any difference whether the Schmit amendment is attached or not. It isn't that harmful, in fact, the consistency question is a very good one. I think people have gotten too excited about this issue. The bill is in pretty good shape. There has been a few amendments and they haven't been all that disastrous. Frankly, I think we are making much to-do about nothing, not only on the Schmit amendment and the various other amendments to the Schmit amendment, but I think we have made much to-do on nothing on this whole bill. In fact, I just want to say that if I knew that we were going to spend the entire day doing what we have done, which isn't much, I would have gone and stayed home and raked my grass, or raked the yard to try to get grass to grow there, and I might be on my way at this point in time. Senator Nichol said he would have gone fishing. Now I think that we...and there are some other people that