

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay, what we ought to...okay, then I will address that. Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, I was so distracted that I wasn't aware of exactly where we are so this shows that I make errors and when I make an error and it's called to my attention I gracefully acknowledge it and I thank you for putting me in order in that regard. And it happens in a courtroom. A lawyer can be so caught up in what is going forth when somebody...when the prosecutor or whoever the opposing attorney is asks the witness, do you have an opinion, the lawyer may object. But the judge will do as the Speaker wisely did and say the person can state whether or not they have an opinion, you will object if it's appropriate at the time they attempt to state the opinion. So I want you to know I accept that.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: This reconsideration motion is one that I am opposed to. And in recent days you know that there have been attempts to try to intimidate me in not expressing my opinion on this bill. And I'm going to say what I have said before. I know good and well that I have bills before this Legislature and that retaliation can take the form of an attempt to defeat my bills. That's always a risk. So when people sit around and say, Ernie, you don't risk anything by the position you take, understand that there is vindictiveness, there is pettiness in this body and it will rear its ugly head. And when I want to talk from history about what the church has done, I will do it. When I want to talk about who brought this bill, such as it being a Catholic church position bill, I will say it. I have said it before and I mean it. And I will conduct my legislating in the way I see fit and nobody is going to tell me what I can and cannot say, what I can and cannot discuss that occurred historically, what does happen in this city, such as a priest having been convicted for debauching an altar boy. I will continue to say what I think is necessary. And now that having been said and gotten out of the way, I want to remind you all that when Senator Lindsay withdrew a motion that he had to strike a provision of statute, he left in a conflicting provision of statute.

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: It will conflict with this bill. So maybe the tactic was to withdraw that amendment so a vote could hurry