

delays that permit the destruction of life and that's what's at issue here and we want motions to suspend the rules. We want to shut off debate because there is an imperative, we are protecting life. It deserves it. You have another group, among them I number myself, who say, listen, the rules in this case are a gateway but I'm not going to consent to the destruction of rights of individuals to control their own destiny. The rights of individuals are more important than the familial and pleasantries in our exchanges. These are fights of deep matters of conscience which, in fact, dry up the collegial, procedural pleasantries that allow us normally to do our business. You are asking me, when you put this motion up to suspend the rules and to vote and to move this issue and to have another one on Select File and to shut off amendments in debate, you're asking me to agree to destroy the rights of individuals. I'm not going to consent. I understand why you will not consent to tolerating delay when, in fact, you think that an imperative of saving lives is at stake. This does not...this strikes at the core of our differences and it strikes at those differences which are deeper than our necessity to be courteous, our necessity to be pleasant, even our necessity to be respectful, as we should. I feel very badly about that.

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR LANDIS: I wish to apologize to the place where it takes me, but, ultimately, you do come down on your convictions and the convictions here of whether or not we consent to the destruction of the rights of individuals and move that power to the power of the state, from my perspective and from perhaps your own, it might be that there can be no tolerance from the principle that we must preserve life in all forms. I can understand why that is a deeply held conviction. My own is as deeply held. This fits directly into the gap and, unfortunately, it makes this very difficult to talk to each other. The bracket motion is valuable if you want to have any hopes of drawing reasonable standards for this amendment which will allow us to talk about the amendment without losing it to the Select File motion that Senator Schmit has and thereby losing the opportunity to discuss it and at the same time having brought in a format in which we could all reasonably say that's a fair division of the question. It allows the question to be heard, debated and voted on. I would suggest that the bracket motion is our way to salvage any procedural decency that we might owe each other in this situation. To give ourselves a