

little questionnaire that we all got, about the televised piece that we were all asked to participate in, and the first thing we're supposed to do is address what we think is the most important question in the state, my guess is the majority of us would say taxes, and we better get on about doing something about the tax system and how we're going to finance schools. While I recognize that people care very deeply about this issue, there is probably very little that we can do about it. On the other hand, we might just be able to, if we got to work, do some of these other issues and have a session that we could walk out of and not look foolish in the eyes of the public. And we must look absolutely ridiculous to the public right now. And we ought to move on and get about some things that we can do, that is within the power of government to solve. So I suggest that because there are other issues out there, other bills, undecided court decisions, a divided public, that if we're going to continue to battle on a procedural basis and not really be able to do anything about the issue or even discuss the issue, that we should recommit this bill to committee, hope they can come to some kind of conclusion about how far we could get this session and free up this very valuable time to deal with all other kinds of issues that might in fact do a lot for kids in the state, might do a lot for families, might do a lot for our tax system. I move we refer the bill back to committee.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator McFarland, please.

SENATOR MCFARLAND: Thank you, Mr. Speaker...Mr. President, excuse me. I oppose the motion to rerefer to committee. It was discussed in our Judiciary Committee very thoroughly. Look at the list of witnesses that testified. The hearing on this bill was long and arduous and all of the issues were considered. This bill was advanced to the floor last year. It was debated, I think, at least four days, somewhere I read it was seven days. It has been debated and discussed. It is a bill that I think is supported, and I believe from the polling that the majority of the people believe in our state that some kind of parental notice is necessary before a minor child decides to have an abortion. I think it's a good policy issue. I think that is a reasonable request. I don't think all these delaying tactics are appropriate. And the reason that the Legislature sometimes looks foolish, in the eyes of the public, is because of these kind of situations right here where we have spent three hours of debate almost debating this issue when there are issues like property tax that need to be debated. And it is not I or some