

a rule of majority and this type of government, a republican form of government, we are representatives, we represent certain constituencies, we vote our consciences on issues and maybe I lose sometimes, maybe I win sometimes. Any proposition that is passed by this Legislature deserves discussion. The arguments for and against the particular measure deserve to be heard and we don't want to stifle debate, but there becomes a time when by manipulation of the rules, by political chicanery, debate is extended far beyond the issue at hand where we get, instead of debating the merits of the particular bill, we get into personalities and we question why particular people are running for office and we question their motives, and it becomes a situation which I think is embarrassing to the Legislature in which senators start to question the integrity of one another. That is not the way the system should work.

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR McFARLAND: It seems to me that if Senator Landis or if anybody wants to question the merits of the bill, wait till the bill is up for advancement and then discuss it. They have their time then. They can even send position papers around and, I read them, I suspect my fellow senators read them, of their views on the issue. At that time we can vote the way we choose, but it seems to me we have some excellent senators who are usually very thoughtful, very considerate, very conscientious and often very compassionate who are embarrassing themselves on the floor of the Legislature. They are demeaning their own integrity, they are losing their own credibility by the political chicanery and the manipulation of the rules that is taking place. We have important issues to discuss, nuclear waste. We have property tax relief. We have school finance reform that we just heard a bill last night in a hearing, need to be addressed. There are important social issues that I am sure each of these senators who...

PRESIDENT: Time.

SENATOR McFARLAND: ...are prolonging this debate have that they would like to see passed. We should be dealing with those issues as well and not wasting all the time on this kind of chicanery. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Dierks, please. The question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do, and the question