

not make that acquisition looking 12 months ahead or even 24. I would be looking five or ten years ahead. And if that impact could adversely affect, that is if the acquisition could adversely affect the potential of growth five or ten years from now and I had to depend on this body to change its position on the statute, I obviously would have some second thoughts about whether or not I wanted to proceed, not knowing how the law might be changed. And since 15 percent does not bother me to start with, then it seemed to me that the move simply ought to be in statute even though it is phased in, it ought to simply be placed there in order that those who may be affected can have some assurance beyond 12 months or 24 months as to what the long term impact of their decision might be. The other thing that I want to comment on is the concern expressed, and I don't know what happened in this instance, but the concern expressed that groups outside the body apparently arrived at some conclusion. I don't really know why any of you are upset about that. And the reason I don't know why you're upset, you started that five, six, eight, ten years ago. How many times I heard somebody say on this floor, well, look, we've got to have a meeting of the interested groups and sit down and negotiate this out and that's how we're going to solve the problem and then they will come in and it gets to the problem, you know, who we invite, who they invite or who is invited to sit in becomes a problem sometimes, but there is only one way you don't have this happen and that is you function as a committee, you make the decision in the committee as to what ought to be done. You come out with a recommendation that you stay with, that you fight for because you believe when studying it was right, but once you started the route which we have started, and if you think this is bad, wait, as you all know, wait for the last three days when the jam is up there and you will see the groups back there concurring with one another on all sort of unrelated issues, in which none of you will be a part of except to push a button, to put some combination of things through. I agree with the lecture, if I can call it that, Senator Landis, that the body is doing a great public disservice to place...

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR WARNER: ...the decisions outside the Chamber for some of these things, but I will also tell you it's the kind of an approach that you either do not do it at all or you have happen exactly what some of you are concerned about this morning. It's just that simple. There isn't anything in between. So I would