

thought the tide was going in the other direction. They claimed to have these personal convictions against a woman under any circumstances having the right to an abortion and they felt those principles must be carried over into their public life, their public decisions and their policy making. All of a sudden that has changed. We need to discuss this matter, and since it has come before us, there is no way as a responsible legislative body that we can let it just slide through because some people have some motions to suspend the rules and make sure that no debate occurs. The rules are there. They're there to facilitate whatever activity a member wants to facilitate that is allowed under the rules and I intend to use those rules to facilitate a thorough discussion however that discussion may be characterized. But right now my reason for standing is to have the Chair's agreement to call the question overruled because there has not been enough debate.

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And I'm just laying my cards on the table because we're going to be here a long time one way or another, we're going to discuss it under one motion or another if the Chair is upheld. I'm going to be registered as not voting, then I'm going to move to reconsider that ruling, the vote, I'll reconsider the vote to uphold the Chair. You ought to just let us debate the thing on each motion that I bring, but if you choose not to, it's all the same to me.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Schmit, did you wish to speak on the reconsideration? Senator Landis, you're next. Would you take over, please.

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you. My line of argument was interrupted by the running of the time and I had asked the question, a rhetorical one I might add, why would someone like myself facing clearly the ire of my colleagues, facing the fact that this is the most controversial issue and for which you create opposition, for which you are greeted on a daily basis by those who are very heartfelt in their opposition to you, why would I engage in taking this issue on so directly and filing these motions and raising this debate? Frankly, it's not, I want you to know that I'm not insentient. I realize that the body's patience is drawn to the breaking point. I realize that the body is unhappy and desirous of the ability to act. There is very much a wish that says just simply allow us to have a show