

parental notification statute. It is on the books. Is there a court case attempting to revive that law?

SENATOR LAMB: Then what is the problem, why don't you let it go? It isn't going to hurt anything?

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you. That is the important point here, and the question is, is there something at stake, and there certainly is something at stake here. What is asked of us in this situation is to endorse a principle which, by the way, arguably is certainly unconstitutional, which will do violence if it is carried out. Senator Lamb asks why don't you let the majority have their way? What if the majority wants to do something unconstitutional? Well, apparently we are supposed to sit down and let them do it. Why shouldn't we let the majority do their way? If, for example, the bill was to say let's make us all Catholics, if there was a majority in here to vote for that bill, Senator Lamb would say, those of you who object, sit on your seats, raise your hand, say yes, say no, but let the majority will have its way. If, in fact, what we were going to pass is a bill that said black people ride in the back of the bus, and there was a majority in here who wanted to vote for that, the minority ought to sit on their hands, allow a majority to do that, and wreak the havoc that would mean. Sometimes the majority is wrong, Senator Lamb. Sometimes the majority is wrong...

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR LANDIS: ...and that is when, number one, you have a Constitution to put a limitation on them, and, number two, it is why a minority who feels their rights imperiled have every reason to use all the legitimate and legal means to do so. Nothing illegal or illegitimate has been done other than to make those guarantees for discussion to be available so that those people who have a sensitivity for the rights of individuals who will have those rights destroyed by this body resist that from occurring. If you wish to wrest from them their rights, you may do so but not with my acquiescence and not with me being a nice guy. Okay, you can't make me have your conscience and your convictions and your beliefs as what is right and I am going to defend mine as forcefully as I can within the realm of that which is legal and legitimate which is what I am doing here.

PRESIDENT: Time.