

SENATOR LANDIS: Did you call time? Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Yes, thank you. Senator Morrissey, please, followed by Senator Schimek and Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Thank you, Mr. President, and members. I voted on the overruling the Chair last time and I guarantee you I will have some people coming up a little later or talking to me at home who will have a list that says, you didn't vote to cease debate here; you voted to overrule the Chair here. So on that handout earlier, let's not be hypocritical and just pull out the handouts when it is advantageous. We all know everybody keeps track. It is good business to keep track. How do you know what is going on if you don't keep track. I had a group of ladies from my district that came up here one day and kept me out in the lobby for about forty-five minutes and just continued to stick that list in my face. You didn't vote here; you didn't vote to cease here, there, and on and on and on. So let's not just pull these lists out whenever we feel comfortable with it because we all know it happens all the time, and I am at the bottom of some of those lists. I am in the middle of some of those lists, and it just doesn't bother me, and it shouldn't bother anyone here on the floor because you probably do what you think is right, I hope. And I haven't been participating in any debate to delay anything, and I was just to the point where I was going to consider voting to cease debate and let the majority have their way, and then we had LB 662 come up this morning. And it seems like every time I get to that point, something happens that steels me against doing it. The vote, the comments on the severability on LB 662 this morning just left me flabbergasted. I couldn't believe it. I simply couldn't believe it. There is pro-choice, pro-life, and there is proactive. Proactive is acting to prevent things, do things in advance instead of acting after the problem crops up. That is what LB 662 was all about, being proactive, prevention, preventing crime, preventing unwanted pregnancies, preventing violence in the family. But because of one minor concern on that, we couldn't even consider the severability clause, couldn't even consider it, contraception and abortion might be discussed, and I didn't want to bring religion into the issue, but it has been forced on me. Those ladies had me in the lobby for forty-five minutes. I have no idea...well, I have a fair idea of what their religion was, but I never asked and they never told me, but they did ask me what my religion was. They