

meaning, unless that I have to concede to what Senator Hall is kibitzing about, unless the judges have a predetermined position they want to get to, but at least they don't say the words don't have any meaning, and that is what a majority of those voting decided to do this evening. And this vote will come back to haunt. These kind of ghosts are not laid to rest. You can slay the body, make it a corpse, but it will not stay in the grave. This is going to be one of those Jason propositions, Jason I, 2 through 7, and, Senator Hall, as a neophyte lawyer, you are probably looking at the old bear and wondering if there is anything that he can show the young cub in terms of what we are dealing with this evening, and there are a few more things. A deck has 52 cards. The Legislature, a majority, have played a card. They played a three. Anything more than a three will beat it. Right. I think the body should consider seriously what it has done. This is not, as Senator Withem and Senator Bernard-Stevens suggest, a gray area. A rule could not be clearer in what it states. It is a short rule. It says what it means. It means what it says. But the Legislature, a majority, have voted to say it does not mean what it says. That is what it has voted. So, if the dictionary defines "up" in one way, the Legislature can vote, no, it is the opposite. But what the courts have said, Senator Hall, because they know how Legislatures will do, that even if the Legislature in a law contrives to define something in a certain way so that that which is unconstitutional is attempted to be made constitutional through a contrived definition by the Legislature, that definition won't get anywhere. It will be struck down and the unconstitutional act cannot be made constitutional through a contrived legislative definition. But on the floor where we are the final arbiters of what our rules mean, logic, rationality mean nothing. Politics enters, politics controls, and to that extent, I have to say that on that one vote so far, politics won. I and justice lie prostrate, bleeding great gouts of blood, Senator Hannibal, innocent blood, which ought not to have been shed. Who was that who slew Caesar? Said, I come not to praise Caesar, I come to bury Caesar. I am not even dead so put your hand down, Senator Hannibal. You can't bury...well, you can bury people alive.

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But I will have to try to take on some of the attributes of Jason and rise and walk again. The issue has not reached a final resolution, but I do think a serious error has