

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Sometimes you have to do it a bite at the time. So not being hippopotami, we are being given the opportunity to take this thing a bite at the time and I think we should excise the portion that Senator Landis is talking about and then discuss the rest on its own merits by itself.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Now I'll recognize Senator Nelson.

SENATOR NELSON: I'll speak to the bill and not the amendment.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Is there anyone else who wishes to speak to the Landis amendment to the amendments? Seeing none, do you have closing statements, Senator Landis?

SENATOR LANDIS: Madam President and members of the Legislature, I'd suggest this. I think there may be some amendments and things to do here on the bill. Why don't we do this? Why don't we wipe the slate clean and then form the policy that we endorse here on the floor? If you pass the language that is now in the bill you achieve the opposite result of even what the introducer wants to do and that is to authorize the use of this flag without jeopardizing other flags. Because of the way it's written I think it's a pretty clear case of where statutory interpretation would have the opposite effect. It would authorize in one situation but it would then create a presumption that it was not appropriate to fly any other flag, and that certainly can't be, as Senator Conway told you, the intention of the introducer. I'd suggest we take the language out and then if there is language you want to submit, and I think Senator Smith has some language she wants to submit, we can then construct what it is that we need but right now it doesn't seem to me with the "shall" that's in there and the requirements that are in there that we want to pass the amendment, pass the bill in this form and I'd suggest that we strike these provisions until we have a form of provision that is consistent with the intention of the introducer so that we can then weigh the value of that as to whether or not we want to endorse in the bill. I'd suggest we wipe the slate clean and start again and with that, I would close and offer the amendment to the amendment.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Landis. We'll now proceed to vote on the motion to amend the committee amendments by