

will start by majority vote to determine that set of beliefs...

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR LANDIS: ...which we expect our citizens to follow. That is antithetical to America. The antidote for speech and conscience that we do not approve of is not less speech, not more criminal laws that send people to jail who don't believe as we do, but more free speech. The antidote is to take to the streets and carry the flag. The antidote is to wear it personally and with pride and then to be ready to talk about the virtues of the flag and the virtues of America and to engage in debate. I was heartened by the experience of the struggle about the Persian Gulf because both sides took to the streets, both sides availed themselves of the power of the First Amendment rather than trying to foreclose the other side by making the other side illegal. That is the strength, that is the pulse which is the heart of the whole body of ideas which makes...

SPEAKER BAACK: Time.

SENATOR LANDIS: ...America great. And the profanation here is to attack that body of ideas by foreclosing the free speech of those we don't agree with.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Landis. Senator Robak.

SENATOR ROBAK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members of the body, I support LR 10. I cosigned the bill and I heard it in Government Committee and at first when I cosigned this bill I had some serious misgivings as I told Senator Hefner. I thought that I had cosigned this bill simply because the Persian Gulf situation had just started and it was perhaps just a burst of patriotic fervor at that time and I agonized over this many times and I was seriously thinking of taking my name off of this resolution. But I thought it over and I left my name on the resolution. I do support LR 10 because, right or wrong, I always oppose desecrating the flag. And Senator Chambers brought out some very, very valid points that...the wrong things that our country did; they did, and this Old Glory flew above those terrible things that our country did and went down in history as doing. And Senator Morrissey said that this is probably one of the best countries in the world and it probably isn't in lieu of the fact that what our country had done under Old Glory here. But right or wrong, I do oppose desecrating the