

Abboud.

SENATOR ABOUD: Madam President, I would like to give my time to Senator Chambers.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President and members of the Legislature, Senator Hall, you said we, in the Legislature, do the dirty work so I came, I put on my gloves, my dirty work gloves. These are my exercise gloves, actually. I don't fight in them. But since we're going to do dirty work, this might be dirtier than the weights that I have to pick up so I thought I would dress for the occasion. I think what we say here tonight is going to be something like what Abraham Lincoln said during his Gettysburg Address except it's true with reference to us. The world will little note nor long remember what we say here. Then he said this, which is not true, it will never forget what we do here. Tomorrow the ones participating will forget what was done here because half of them don't even know what's going on here. What do these specific amendments that we're talking about say and what are the ramifications? It doesn't even make any difference because the arguments are not by and large based on what is in the bill, itself, any amendments, but the reaction of some particular group or individual. So you get that information and the debate or the discussion is centered around what this individual or group will have said. I still think the tax on the services, which was adopted through Senator Hall's amendment to his amendment, was a mistake. I don't think it's going to stick. As Senator Warner, in his great wisdom which he has acquired through his advanced age, I mean tenure in the Legislature, (laughter)...Senator Warner reminds me of Benjamin Franklin a lot of times, not only in appearance but sometimes that quiet wisdom which you will find occasionally in what he says and tonight there was a very important, crucial point that he made. The bill will need 33 votes. What good is it to spend all of this time, have all of this discussion as though what we're doing means anything when there are people outside this Chamber who tonight are going to get busy and tell us tomorrow what it is we're supposed to do and that's what will be done? (Laughter.) I'll bet there are people scattered around just doing what I'm doing now, just kind of chuckling and saying, give them their head, let them play for a while, let them think that they're doing something, after eight o'clock doesn't mean anything anyway. That's dead time. Let them just stay over