

state should be allowed to vote before a certain activity occurs in their backyard. And some have come to me to support the right of those people to cast such a vote. But I know that voting is a sacred necessary element depending upon which issue is being considered. If it is a matter that we don't particularly care for, we want a vote of the people because we know how difficult it is to obtain that. On the other side, there is a desire not to have a vote of the people because the other side knows what that vote is likely to be. My amendment is not difficult to understand. Senator Horgan had asked Senator Haberman if some time is going to be taken on this bill. It appears, Senator Horgan, that some time is going to be taken on this bill. I don't really know how much time will be taken on it, but I know on a bill which is serious, as this one purports to be, considerable time justifiably can be expended on it. When I watched the national returns, well, they are just from one state but they relate to a national office. They came from that little town in the northeastern part of this country. There was a lot of talk about the economy, people out of work, having difficulty making the money that they earn at the first of the month stretch to the end of the month. So the expenditure by people of money is something which is on people's mind. The expenditure of a fee such as this will be on the mind of people, too. This is an economic question, Senator Horgan, as well as one of equity the way I tried to describe it or define it earlier. And I don't think you can find any people who voluntarily will spend more money for something they are receiving without spending money for it. You know it. Senator Ashford knows it. Senator Morrissey knows it. And that is why you all are duty bound to oppose my amendment. And I know the amendment will be opposed, but I am laying out a record, and I am establishing a justification for other things that will happen this session. The ordinary rules and principles of morality never come into play when you are talking about the activities of those who head governments, and those who head states. The activity of a state is never judged according to the principles of morality that guide the conduct of an individual. When we are on the floor of this Legislature, there are some people who have said and have shown if you vote against my bill, I will vote against yours. I have never done that. It is a very uncomfortable posture for me, but if I am in a card game, and the only rule is that there are no rules, and everybody is cheating, if I don't do the same thing, I am not a fair player, I am a fool. I am not playing according to the rules that govern the game, and in this Legislature, the rules