

You cannot enmesh the people that you're trying to catch with legislation. There are groups that support this bill. I saw a vote from the League of Women Voters. You need to see if there is an organization called the League of Politicians. Politicians, whatever else we are, are very realistic, practical and what's that other word? Pragmatic. Senator Conway gave me the exact word I was thinking about. I thought somebody was going to say dishonest. But those are the things that mark a politician. You have to deal with reality in your mind even if when you come on the floor and cast votes, you vote differently than you think or believe you ought to vote because there are obligations that you have to various groups or individuals, but we know what reality is. That's why when we vote in a way contrary to the way we know we should vote, that vote is so venal on our part because we cannot plead temporary insanity. But that reminds me, Senator Hall, there was this politician and he always would get off the subject and people didn't want to attack him directly, so they asked, does anybody in your family suffer from insanity? He said we don't suffer from it, we enjoy it. And sometimes that's what happens in the Legislature. You reach these kind of places where we're talking about a bill that does nothing and to me it's enjoyable because it demonstrates better than anything else how time that seems that it should be precious apparently is wasted, but I don't think it's wasted. I think the discussion of this issue is very crucial and significant because all over the country when politicians perceive that they are in trouble, they talk about campaign reform and they talk about limiting this and limiting that, but if you look at it, you see that there is not a limiting of anything but only another sleight of hand being worked on the public. If we could do on a stage what we do in this Legislature in terms of creating illusion and distracting the attention by making you watch the left hand and do the trick with the right hand, we'd be better illusionists than David Copperfield, but people don't pay close enough attention to what we do. They don't read carefully enough the legislation that we enact. They will read the snippets that are put in the paper and there might be a headline because a headline writer is not the one who wrote the article. The one who writes the article doesn't pay attention to what we say. They get a little bit here and a little bit there because if we're misrepresented, who cares? And if the public reads it and gets past the first paragraph it's a subject about which they have no interest anyway and the same with the headline writer, so the headline writer will put, Campaign Reform Bill Advanced in Legislature.