

to...I'm going to leave it to you to define, for me, whether I should fight this amendment or not, because I really don't know. I don't know what the custom and the practice of this body is. I'm trying to recall if I've seen other language of this nature. I sound like a brand new legislator, but I think these kinds of things arise in which even experienced legislators sometimes have questions. So, Senator Chambers, I'm going to let you talk about it.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, it...it's always good to have somebody who can handle the brush fires when they come up. And I am that person in the Legislature. But let me remind the body that when we were dealing with the abortion issue, one of the bills contained findings, as they were called, which attacked the Supreme Court, which drew medical, philosophical, ethical, and religious conclusions, and they were placed into the statute. We have before us a solid waste bill that draws certain conclusions, it's Senator Morrissey's bill, which are challengeable, arguable and questionable. So, it depends on what the issue is, how much concern there is about it, as to whether questions are raised when these findings are placed into the statute. I'd venture to say that with practically every bill, where findings have been placed into the statute, not one is a set of findings beyond the realm of controversy or dispute. Senator Withem had objected to the term staggering. Well, it...that's a que...that...that is a word that has different meanings to different people. The term deadly habit is not separate from the facts, because it is a deadly habit. It kills not only the young, but the old. There is no way to use these products without serious harm or death resulting. So, I don't think anything in the findings could be called incorrect. The question is, as Senator Withem phrased it, whether we ought to do these kind of things as a policy. We have done it so many times before that this, in my opinion, is not the time or the bill to raise it on. Maybe what we should do, and Senator Withem might want to do this through his committee, because we're dealing with the matter of educating the public, comb the statutes, and it might...can be done easily through computers, I don't know, and find all of the sets of so called legislating...legislative findings and declarations. And any of them that are felt to be inappropriate could be put into one of those bills for the purpose of striking them from the statutes. But I don't think this late in the game, on this