

try to get this body so that we would not be...and Senator Carson Rogers, you may take offense and I'm sorry if you do, but this body is being used by people on the outside. And what I'm trying to do, what I was trying to do immediately upon this...bringing up the discussion of this particular bill is to give the body some sense of respectability on this issue. Instead of us going head over heels, swords in hands, battling each other, bleeding each other, like leeches, if you wish, waiting to see who we can wound and who we can help salvage for the elections on a bill that we know is not going to pass, I wanted to give the body a chance to say, wait a minute, we are smarter than that, we are not grade school children that can be told that we must go fight. We are adults that can say, wait a minute, we will fight if the cause is right, if the outcome is something that will be beneficial and helpful. And there is no outcome in fighting over a bill that will not pass, that anyone can convince me is going to be helpful or positive to any citizen of this state or any senator of this state, period. No one can come up with an argument that can convince me it is a positive thing to stand and battle and bleed for a period of time over that which cannot and will not happen. What the amendment that Senator Lindsay and Senator Landis would actually strip is the amendment that said, for the most part, we understand that abortion is a very difficult and divisive issue. We understand the viable arguments on both sides of 24-hour waiting periods, and fetal development information. We understand those things. We understand that the Supreme Court has not yet made constitutional any of these arguments. And the amendment went on to say that if the Supreme Court changes the rules of the game, changes case law, makes it possible that a constitutional bill of this nature could actually be implemented and could actually become law and be effective, or at least affect a lot of people, then the Legislature will revisit that issue. And then it's time to really do battle, because the outcome could actually make a difference. But now, now should we do battle at a time when we know what's going to happen at ten o'clock? We know the bills that are being waiting, in fact, I just talked about, a few minutes ago, about a bill somebody would like to have up that's very important, and they're right. That bill is important to people now. But no, no, no, we are being driven by sides that are saying we want you to bleed now for us on an issue that is of no consequence until the Supreme Court changes something, which it has not yet done.

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.