

was necessary because each person out there and I think probably each of the 13, in many cases, had separate reasons for the vote cast the way they have, as well as probably many of the 29 did likewise have personal reasons one side or another. We all have our reasons for literally every issue but I still am thoroughly convinced that this body, as maybe Senator Landis pointed out, is somewhat abrogating its responsibility and I have convinced myself, through these discussions, that we are putting ourselves in a situation where at least the courts can act, move into the legislative arena. I also have some expertise in separation of powers from other situations in the past and I believe that this court is in a position that once we have abrogated our responsibility and hand it back to them, they don't have to make excuses. They're in a situation now where they can take the lead, whether it's directed...I don't think there needs to be another court case filed by Madison County. I don't think it's a court case at all. I think it's a question of going to the court and asking them for final settlement because they already have their judgment in hand. They've already run the case. They've already won the case and with that judgment in hand they are going to say when do we get our spoils of this particular victory. And I think the court is going to say that you deserve those...deserve them now rather than later and, at that point, I have...I am convinced and, again, apparently from the discussion many other members in the body are not, that the court is going to say, no, Legislature, reconvene or fix it next year or do this or do that, I don't think they're going to give us that much latitude. I think they sent it back to us and, again, if we fix it and provide what we think is a legislative fix and they don't like that and that's challenged, then this body will be reconvened to address that. But to do nothing, and that's just what we did with 29 votes, we did absolutely nothing that we are, one, going to come under the scrutiny of the media, of the public for having done nothing, not much different than last year's special session, as well as giving carte blanche to the...

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR CONWAY: ...courts who said, okay, we have kept our separation, we have done our judicial duty in terms of that separation of powers but it ends when, in fact, the Legislature abrogates its responsibility. And so I rise in support of the reconsideration as well as the support for 33 votes to advance LB 7, as the majority of this body under ordinary circumstances