

the body, a couple point, I guess, I would just like to make and I think I would like to clarify a couple of other comments that have been made on the floor and use this time to what I would call correct the record. One of the discussions in Senator Abboud's closing, his very good closing, putting across his views, I thought, very well, but all of a sudden we had thrown out just a little line that, who knows, the court may then take up congressional redistricting and draw that line too. And I was trying, in my mind, figuring out what court case is out there, who's challenging that, how they're going to do that, and that was one of the biggest red herrings I've seen just thrown out just as an afterthought that so far today that might win the prize. But then we had another one thrown out by another senator and he said, well, this is just...this whole thing is a pro-life, pro-choice vote and I thought that was a fascinating one. I guess Senator Chambers and Senator Landis have jumped ship now and gone against their convictions and gone on the pro-life and that was interesting to me. I then heard Senator Conway say that a small minority was holding the majority hostage, and that was intriguing, and Senator Conway I think knows a little bit better than that, but it was a good thing to say. There are reasons that any political body has rules, as Senator Chambers points out, and those rules are trying to get across the philosophy of what we think is important. And one of the things the rules have stated is that there is a time and a place that we need a 40 vote; there is a time and a place we need just 33; there is a time and a place we need just 30, 25, or maybe just a simple majority. And when the reasons that you have a higher number of votes is because the issue is that important in regard to the situation at hand. So when Senator Conway says a small group held hostage the majority, what Senator Conway does not go on to say is not only the rest of the story but the true picture. Because it was an important issue, it has been deemed a long time ago that 33 people would need to vote that. And the fact of the matter is, in this state when their representatives voted, there were not 33. That is not a hostage. That is failure of the majority to get the numbers that they need. It is kind of like you have a jury, and you convince nine of them, but you needed to convince all 12. You had a pretty good thing but you didn't meet the total burden that you had to do. So we need to clarify that. There is no hostage taking. It is the process working. The other thing I would like to comment is I hope the body would remember a few years ago, and I don't go back as far as Senator Chambers, Senator Warner or Senator Schmit, but I do go back a few years