

my duty is, as I perceive it, and will carry out that duty as I see it. Senator Landis had an amendment to the constitution that I fought against tooth and nail, but that didn't encourage him to say, well I'll just stop it because Senator Chambers doesn't like it. So the fact that he's tired does not mean that I'm tired or that I will stop worrying the tooth. Maybe if I can't pull it out, maybe I'll break the jaw. But whatever is available for me to do against bad legislation as I see it, I'm going to do it. And I will not say because somebody brought a bad bill and they're not going to willingly go along with trying to make it better and they've got the votes to pass it, therefore just roll over and let it happen, that is not my philosophy of law making. My philosophy is to deal with it bit by bit, word by word, line by line, here a little, there a little, and fight it and fight it and fight it until there is no additional opportunity to fight it. This is bad legislation. And I don't think that the Legislature should be assigning agencies to carry out duties and responsibilities while being itself unable to define the words and let the agency know what is expected of it. Senator Landis is completely right when he says that whatever form this takes, if it passes, this bill, it's not doing anything worthy of being done. But I want to create a record and somebody will challenge this. Maybe if the Governor would be foolish enough to sign it, I don't know what the Attorney General feels about it but he likes headlines, he could challenge it as an unlawful delegation of legislative authority to these agencies. We're not giving guidance and direction, we're not, and I don't approve of that kind of law making. But since my vote is not weighted in the sense that my vote counts as 25, I only have 1 vote, I've got to fight to try to stop this from entering the law books. That's what I intend to do. And I think that the way we draft legislation is a reflection on us. When we put redundant legi...language in a piece of legislation that is a negative reflection. In other instances and other settings we constantly hear on the floor the attitude of the public on this, the attitude of the public on that, then when we get a little tired we say, throw it all to the winds and we don't care what form this legislation takes. I continue to care and I shall continue to offer amendments, should I see any that are necessary, or that I think I ought to offer, regardless of whether anybody approves or not. I'm not aware that we have to get the approval of any senator before we can do something, or be sure that every senator is interested in what we're doing before we can do it. That demonstrates not only the value but the absolute necessity of diversity.