

will vote against it because of the fiscal impact, and it will also give you a way to tell those two neighbors fighting in your district that the Legislature said it would cost too much money to do what you wanted me to do, but it would be much better, and far, far more up front to just tell them this is not going to settle the dispute that the two of you have because you know it, Senator Jones, you know it won't. I don't know what newspaper is in your district but I am going to find out and I am going to write them a little letter about this bill, and how ridiculous the people in that district are. They sent a representative down here who has to offer us a bill, which he has to admit is not going to solve the problem, but the people in his district are so unreasonable that they want to force him to do it anyway; take all this time from the Legislature, then have to admit that it is going to cost money that he didn't anticipate. Stand tall, Senator Jones, don't bow your head. You haven't done anything wrong. You have just been put in a position where you have to offer something which is unwise. In the same way that this is being fought today it's going to be fought on Select File, and I will fight in every way available to me under the rules to defeat this bill. That is a promise that I make, not to the members of the Legislature, but to myself. Our process has to be protected. This is just another example of the lack of respect that the Legislature is given. We know that the courts are kicking us around. Right now the judges are trying to find a way to get a salary increase without coming through the Legislature by way of a bill. They want to try to take away that power from the Legislature. We know the Governor has very little respect for the Legislature. Everybody can kick the Legislature. When we begin to violate the integrity of our process, then people are justified in not showing us respect. Bills like this harm our process, and as a member of the Executive Board, by the way, in addition to being a member of the Legislature, I have an obligation to do what I can to maintain the integrity of our process. And the rules have been put together at the beginning of the session in a way that the vast majority felt the rules should be put together. I am the only one who voted against adoption of those rules, and I asked for a record vote so that I can put it in your face and show you. And I will comply with those rules that you all adopted, and that I disagreed with, but I am going to use those rules. I am going to offer amendments, and I am going to fight this bill tooth and nail all the way across the board. Every minute, well, sometimes I may decide that I'll be considerate and not take every single minute, but I am going to take the majority of