

have argued that amendment and Senator Witek and I could have gone back and forth and maybe others on one side or the other, and we could have taken a long time on that amendment. Then I could have chosen to withdraw it, or I could have taken a vote and lost and then bring it up again on Select File. That is not what we were doing. They need to get people with some experience and knowledge about what the system should be to shepherd these bills through. But you can get so excited and such a high by saying, for once I've got the votes, I can make them stop talking and I can force this bill through. And they're on that high. You win the battle. It could turn out to be what's known as a Pyrrhic victory. I don't care if we don't move another bill, if in order to move them we're not going to adequately discuss issues as serious as this one. Look how much time Congress took on what they call welfare reform. Look how long they took and they had the votes. If for no other reason than politics and appearance, we need to thoroughly discuss the issues that come before us. Senator Bohlke chose to hook her name to a bill like this, and personally I was shocked when she did, when I saw what an atrocious bill it is. But it's not for people to be determined in what they're going to do by how I feel about the legislation. And then for her to seek cloture, and I told her I wouldn't fight her on it because I know the votes are there for this bill, it's too good a political plum. And you can win on this one. But the word win can be defined in a multitude of ways.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Jestingly last session a number of little columns that would appear in the paper and some people would make the statement that Chambers is the second Chamber of the Legislature, because I was willing to fight all those hard issues that others knew needed to be fought, but they didn't have the heart or the nerve or the will to fight them. And what I was doing was what a second Chamber ought to do if the first Chamber is not going to do its duty. And I feel we, as a Legislature, have not done our duty, that's my opinion. And since that is my opinion, it means I have to work a little harder and do a little bit more, but I'm going to do the best that I can in terms of holding our feet to the fire on these serious issues. And I know others will leave the floor, they'll take their coffee breaks, their lunch breaks, their nap breaks, but if that's the way the rest of the session is going to break down, I am prepared to deal with it on that basis. And if you