

these political questions, then you pretend that they have nothing to do with the problem that you are confronting. If you eliminated all of the political bills, and all of the political programs,...

SENATOR HALL: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...you wouldn't have nearly the problem with the budget that is facing you right now. And I'm going to take a vote on my motion. My motion, if it is accepted, would give you a chance to take a little time, but the only amount of time you would have is between when you adopt this motion and 2:00 p.m. this afternoon. This is the work we, as a Legislature, are to do, and we should assume that responsibility. If it is tough, so what? We often say, that's what we're supposed to do, legislating is not easy. We cannot buck this off to somebody else, we should do it, and we should do it here, and we should do it now. Senator Warner doesn't usually show the kind of sense of humor that he showed with his amendment, but it was mockery of the kind worthy of the Jonathan Swift that I talked about in the little rhyme that I handed around to you today. I don't think he expected you all to get caught up in it as deeply as you did, and you discussed it like it is serious. How can I sit down there and let this happen? This is the greatest practical joke that has been worked on the Legislature, and I only regret that I didn't bring it to you. At any rate, I am going to keep my motion up there and get a vote on it.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Senator Chambers. I cut you off early. I apologize. You were opening. You still have approximately 4 1/2 minutes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Mr. President.

SENATOR HALL: I know I should apologize to the body, not to you.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: The reason...I thought it seemed like the time went awfully fast, but they say time goes fast when you are having fun, and I have fun at times like this. I want to tell you the truth. Because there are people out there who need to see a black man stand in a body of all white people and excoriate them for being so incompetent and incapable, and I am not making it up. I didn't create this situation. I am not