

of the 170 bills that the Judiciary Committee deals with, it is no one's fault. I just offer that to say that there was some opposition to this, even though it was only in the form of a letter.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Hall, thank you. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I'd like to yield whatever part of this time that Senator Landis needs to (interruption)...

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you, Senator Chambers, and I... I want to express my appreciation to Senator Hall. I attended the hearing, listened to my own statement, of course, I was forced to, and those of a portion of the proponents, and then I left before the Chair called for opposition. I was unaware of that letter and, had I known that it existed, Tim, I would have tried very hard to make sure that I represented it completely. I didn't know that it existed and I, for one, am glad that you entered it into the record here so that we know that. I still want to defend the bill, but it's because I did not know that that I otherwise would have characterized that and I'm glad that you've done that for the record. I've put my light on to respond to an issue in the letter, but with that I will relinquish the rest of Senator Chambers' time back to him and with that explanation as to why I was unaware of and unable to acknowledge the opposition of (inaudible).

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. And for a guy who is a battler, Senator Landis was backing up like a jet-propelled crawdad, but I think it's admirable because he actually didn't know that the information which Senator Landis...I meant which Senator Hall read to us had been presented to the committee, so I think that helps keep the record straight. But Senator... one of the Senators brought an issue to mind, an example which I had neglected to mention because it had escaped my recollection while trying to go through all of these, but I'm sure all of you had read or heard of the situation where this woman did not want to have sex with this man but she told him, if you're going to do this, then please wear a condom. That did not constitute consent, in my opinion. That's like saying that somebody puts a gun at me and they say, Ernie, this gun is pointed at your head. Some of you all think, well, that's where he ought to shoot me because it won't hurt me and that's true because I have a thick skull. Nature gives a thick wall to guard a precious treasure.