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to improve it, and I would ask that you support...

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: One minute.

SENATOR SUTTLE: ...the motion and advance LB 845 notwithstanding the action of the committee. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I have a ritual duty to perform to defend the actions of the committee, but it is also something that goes beyond ritual because this gives me a chance to talk about an issue that I...that is an interesting and difficult irony for me. I am unapologetic in the fact that I voted to kill the bill, but I want to explain why I could do such a thing in the face of what is otherwise a record of relatively high significance on feminist issues. Let me take the pieces that have come up; first, that this is an insult to women because an all-male committee killed the bill precipitously. To my knowledge, Senator Redfield is the only woman senator who asked to be on the Banking Committee. It was her second choice. Her first choice was a three-day committee, and she got her three-day committee, and though she didn't get her second choice, because those days then went to Senator Bourne because this was his first choice. I don't know of a woman senator who wanted to be on the committee who didn't get there. We would love to have some women senators on the committee, maybe it would help us with this kind of easy stereotyping that Senator Chambers is doing here. We've had women members in the past. Senator Robak was on, she asked to get off. Kate Witek was here, I doubt, if she was on the committee, the vote would have been different. But that's just the luck of the draw, it's the luck of the draw. Our...our valuable members of the Legislature that are women are spread too thin as it is. We haven't been able to get some over on the Banking Committee. Let's hope that day is not far off. The bill was killed. It was the tenth bill considered, not the first bill. It was the day before that we killed the two dental mandates, first and second out of the chute. That was the fast day, not this one. Yeah, Senator Beutler got his bills killed the day before, even before the door was shut, but not this one,