

Rep. Andy Jorgenson's comments during Public Hearing on Right to Work Bill (AB 61 / SB 44)

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"Thank you, Mr. Chair, and Committee members,

I want to say thank you, especially to you, Mr. Chair. I'll tell you why because I'm sure you heard all day long people saying that around 8 o'clock you don't have to listen to this anymore. You kept on. You kept it open.

You pushed aside the chirping that was going on in your ears to say shut it down because you can, and I know there's probably some committee members that sent you a note or two saying shut it down or get them down to 1 minute but you beat it down, and I want to thank you for that but I need you to do it one more time.

I know your leadership is probably saying don't exec on this bill but Representative Bowen just asked you a question and Leg Council we still don't have what I believe a correct answer to it.

You had a good debate for a little while.

You talked about a check-all or a catch-all but I wasn't convinced you were right.

Representative Mason has 2 amendments. He has 2 amendments already written for this bill. He wants...folks...for the folks that are listening that is what's supposed to happen. That's the next step in making law is that there are supposed to be ideas you are given by you you gave to the committee.

We have a provision in here that I really wasn't fully aware of, Mr. Chairman, because of the speed of this bill which it is going. The small business owners and workers can serve jail time because of this bill. You could be sending small business owners to jail because of this bill up to I believe...what is it, 90 days?

Did you know that? I am going to guess that some members on your committee did not and there are amendments that want to address that and that's what you are supposed to be doing.

Before you go high-fiving that you did it by the book, and you did the hearing and you didn't have to shut it down, don't get too carried away because you are missing a very important step and that's the exec vote on this.

And we're not trying--and I'm a little offended--you say we're all trying to delay ...

You can do this before the vote on Thursday."

Rep. Cory Mason's Comments during Assembly Labor Committee--Executive Session on Right to Work (AB 61/SB 44)

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Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

I had some hope when it was announced late yesterday that we were going to go into Executive Session today that it would actually be with some purpose to respond to the testimony that we heard from public officials.

I had some hope that things would be different here in the Assembly--in the people's house.

Again, I am glad that the chairman allowed people to testify for as many people who wanted to come testify on the bill and that we took nearly 12 hours of testimony. I was glad and even encouraged late yesterday when it was announced that we would have an Executive Session on the bill. When there at least was some uncertainty when we were having the public hearing on whether or not that was going to happen at all.

I am then left with asking myself what was the point of having the Executive Session if it was simply to turn a deaf ear to everything that we heard two days ago.

What strikes me as one of the most onerous things about this bill and there are many of them is the way that the majority is choosing to bring it forward. There is no reason for us to be in Extraordinary Session other than the fact that you guys want to get it done as quickly as possible, shut down debate, and make it harder for people to dissent.

I had real hopes that was going to happen but what seems clear and I hope to be proven wrong by this tomorrow on the floor and I hope some of our amendments are adopted. I hope that cooler heads and more reasoned arguments will hold sway on the floor of the Assembly tomorrow but if this pattern persists but what I seem to be hearing from people over and over again and the Speaker seemed to reiterate this before we came up for the hearing that he believes these amendments are just stall tactics. Well what kind of legislative process is it where we invite the public to testify, hold public hearings.....

Rep. Sinicki's Floor Speech – Thursday, March 5, 2015 – Right to Work Bill (AB 61/SB 44)

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Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Before I actually get into my remarks on why this bill should be rejected, I just want to take a few minutes to personally thank the Chairman of the Labor Committee.

We had almost a 12 hour hearing. We were able to actually work together to make sure that everybody in that room had the right to be heard. We were able to work together to make sure it wasn't disrupted. Because my side of the aisle really wanted the headline the next day to be about how bad the bill is and we accomplished that.

I also wanted to thank the chairperson for listening to the concerns of myself and my two fellow committee members when we said we wanted to hold an exec on this bill. It took a couple of days but he did agree to it and we held the exec last night. It was a very well run exec, so I thank you for that, Mr. Chairman.