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Thought you might want to see this below.

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The article below confirms confirms my own assessment of what is happening in the Senate, with Lee Bright and some members of the Democratic caucus (Scott, Malloy, Hutto) slow-walking everything possible in an obvious effort to avoid other legislation (esp. ethics reform) this year:

http://www.gopwrite.com/1/post/2013/05/nikki-haley-slams-lee-bright-gop-applauds.html

Bright mentioned yesterday on the floor that some of his own party's leaders were trying to get him to stop, but with the aid of his new-found friends among the Democrats he marched onward. Bright

might argue that he wants stronger reform, along the lines of amendments he offered in committee, but no one could be deluded enough to think that stronger reform will happen. Even Bright knows that it won't -- he remarked in committee that he was "looking for something with a chance of passing" in his tall pile of amendments, and he didn't find much that even he believed might pass. From comments in committee by the others and my conversations with some of them, there is no question that they are not fans of ethics reform. This is intentional obstruction that will lead to no reform at all.

Cindi Scoppe also tweeted (now removed as far as I can tell) suggesting the same thing -- that there were strange political bedfellows obstructing movement in the Senate in order to kill ethics reform.

I've said from day one that this issue is the most non-partisan one I've ever encountered, and sure enough, the obstruction is thoroughly bipartisan.

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