

interesting to see what we would see what we are doing on both sides in the future. And I suspect what we would see of ourselves on both sides is not anything that any of us particularly would like to see. And it would be interesting to know if anything good came out of it. And it would be kind of fun to find that out. I don't think we will, particularly. And, with that, I conclude the closing at least on this particular portion of this evening.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. The question is the adoption of the Bernard-Stevens amendment. You asked for a roll call, Senator Bernard-Stevens. Thank you. Mr. Clerk, proceed.

CLERK: (Roll call vote read. See page 1896 of the Legislative Journal.) 8 ayes, 31 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to...on the amendment to the motion to bracket.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The motion fails. The call is raised.

CLERK: Mr. President, I now have a priority motion that's offered by Senator Bernard-Stevens to reconsider the vote on the amendment to his bracket motion.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Mr. President. One of the things that I want to keep trying to point out if I can, as many times as I can, at least for the record for those that will look back and analyze motives, what happened, what have you, and I guess it's a lesson that has been kind of difficult for me to learn and that is no matter what one does on this particular issue it's a no-win scenario. So you go with what you feel is right. And a lot of times when you do that you may, in fact, try to find a middle ground because you're not really hard core one way, you're not hard core the other way, you're trying to take the best of both and go with what you believe to be totally correct and end up getting everybody mad at you on both sides. And they're very vocal, the people on both sides, very vocal. Nowhere more did I find that to be true than the other day when I voted for the block of bills from General File to Select. You will all have a kind of charge about this, I think. I got, I'm going to guess, 70 calls from what I would call the radical pro-choice people talking how much I abandoned them, I had stabbed them in the back, that it was worthless, spineless. All sorts of things came through almost with the same venom type of things that I got with the pro-life on the other side. So I must have been doing something right that day, as I had both