

which are controversial and for which many of us still have problems. I have problems with LB 78. I'm not going to vote for the bill with the provisions in it. Following this amendment, I intend to offer language. It's on the Clerk's desk now and it says this. It says not that the Legislature should consider the establishment of a commission, but that the Legislature hereby establishes a commission. It also says that the obligation of that commission is to study solutions. It incorporates the Rasmussen language. And, lastly, it restates what Senator Rasmussen just said and which I also believe, that this task cannot go forward in the midst of the onerous provisions of LB 78. It strikes the provisions of 78. Why would you do what seems to be sort of a double shuffle here to get these issues in this order? Because this amendment to the Bernard-Stevens amendment represents that portion which...around which, rather, many of us on both sides of this issue can agree, we should highlight that fact. We should acknowledge that fact and we should act, whenever possible, in concert. I do not surrender my beliefs by doing so, however, that 78 is a mistake. The rest of the provisions are a mistake. But I would like to join with a colleague who is at least, I think, trying to make a good faith effort of things that he can do and to acknowledge areas of agreement. I do not know of a previous amendment on an abortion bill in which Senator Lindsay and I have cosigned because it is an area of agreement. I don't want that moment to pass by unacknowledged. It doesn't mean I have surrendered my opposition to 78. I do, and I will renew it the next chance I get, but in this time and in this moment I think we need to point out that if 78 went away, if that was not the controversy, we would be able to fashion a commission with a task, with a lead agency and with resources that could attack the very problem that many of us, on my side of this issue, believe needs to be dealt with...

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR LANDIS: ..and would be willing to join forces with those on the other side of the issue to make that happen. That is not something that's been common in this debate over the years I've been here and should not go unacknowledged. And the Chair said, I'm sorry, the Chair said?

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR LANDIS: Oh.