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together on this issue. And I was hoping that both sides could say, yes, that is something that we can productively do because we know that this bill is not going to pass and we know that we have a few days left for General File priority...

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: ..bills, that there are many bills out there that really are important, that are constitutional, that can help people in Nebraska now, that we will not get to if we continue to waste time on a bill we know will not pass. And I thought as I was coming into work, in fact, it was in the morning and I thought of the idea of the resolution, what could be a way that we could do two things; one, that the body could show that we were not going to fall into the trap of being forced into a silly, in my judgment, silly ten-hour discussions when we know the cloture votes aren't there and, if so, then we'd have the same thing on Select File to the point the bill would not pass? How could we avoid that? Why should we do that, number one, and, two, for what purpose are we being driven to do it? And in talking to members of this body and if you, the people that are listening, if you kind of search your hearts...

PRESIDENT MOUL: Time.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: ..ask yourselves, did you really think this was an impor...a very super important bill? And the...

PRESIDENT MOUL: Time.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: ..answer is "no". Topicwise it may have been, but the bill itself, was it one of the most important bills? And if the answer of that is "no", because of the nature of the bill, not because of the general topic of the bill, then we need to ask why are we at this point, and the point is because both sides, pro-life and pro-choice, whether it's the statewide pro-life, metro pro-life...

PRESIDENT MOUL: Time, Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: ..or pro-choice, are trying to do political...use this for political tools and political weapons.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Time.