

you one way or the other at this time.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Wesely, you're up now on your own time followed by Senator Pirsch, Senator Schmit, Senator Lynch. Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Question.

PRESIDENT: The question has been called. Do I see five hands? One, two, three, four, five. I do. The question is, shall debate cease? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. We're voting to cease debate. If you care to vote, please do so. Have you all voted that care to? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 24 ayes, 10 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: We'll not cease debate. Senator Pirsch, you're up next followed by Senator Schmit and Senator Lynch.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Thank you, Mr. President. I haven't spoken on this issue and I feel like I need to explain, perhaps, my position in my votes on this bill. I did support the Bernard-Stevens amendments because I felt that in tightening the criminal provision and putting in purchase and possess, that we were indeed making it stiffer and perhaps more effective. I do not, however, want to see LB 48 indefinitely postponed and, in fact, I'm at the point now where I would like to see it go on to Select File and at that point perhaps there can be some amendments that can be agreed upon by both sides, but it might be one of those issues that...and there is a hidden agenda also that I'm not aware of, that can be worked out on Select. But we've spent three days now on LB 48 and I really think that is too much time to spend on it, but I do not want to indefinitely postpone it. I think we should advance it and then bring amendments on Select. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you, Senator Pirsch. Senator Schmit, followed by Senator Lynch, then Senator Conway.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members, I'd like to ask Senator Wesely a question if he'd yield, please.

PRESIDENT: Senator Wesely, please, would you respond?

SENATOR WESELY: Certainly.