

taught in some topic, some chapter, some unit in some course that teachers have to take. So, in essence, you will have a bill that says that we want human awareness, but a bill that technically will not change anything in the course of education. And I understand the reasons for the bill. I understand the difficulties in some events that happened previously within school systems, but I am not particularly comfortable that this bill will actually do anything along those lines, and I wanted to at least express those thoughts before we got to a vote on LB 250. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Chambers, please.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, I would like to ask Senator Bernard-Stevens a question.

PRESIDENT: Senator Bernard-Stevens, would you reply?

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: I would be delighted.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Bernard-Stevens, this bill will move, and when it gets to Select File, would you be willing to work on some language to make sure that it is not as open-ended and vague as currently the bill might make the subject, or are you opposed to a specific body of information being created or required to be created that would meet this requirement?

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: On both of those questions, I think I can answer I would be delighted to work with you on that. My concern was in the beginning on the original writing of the bill on the green copy, I had two concerns; number one, a mandated course of three hours for human relations, though maybe that would be the best way to get the goals of the bill accomplished, would do a couple of other things unrelated to the bill, and that would be right now that educators going through teacher training, if everything goes well in many of the areas, in most of the areas, it takes them at least four years, obviously, if everything goes well. Many of those areas, now it is taking five years for people to get through. The more we mandate different course of 3-hours credit, it will begin to stretch very easily into six years, and I think that will have a detriment on the quality of teacher that we have within the system. So my intent was, Senator Chambers, in the committee, to find a way that we could get those issues and those topics discussed, because they are important, they need to be there, we