

And if not, the moderates ought to say that's enough. We're going to bracket this bill till next year and we're going to do the budget and we're going to do other bills. You've had your day in court. We've all been fighting here. The two camps will not rule the Legislature. But until Roger Wehrbein and Emil Beyer and others who have been sitting here and the names of the ones I've read, the ones who are in the middle who have other bills out there, who have other agendas to consider besides this one, have to speak because we are at loggerheads. You have to instruct us if we're going to do anything else this session because, frankly, I'm not going to help. I see this as a referendum on Roe v. Wade, I see this as a referendum on the right of privacy, I see this as a clash of two moralities and I will assure you I will not allow what I think to be moral and right, to be overcome without the greatest of efforts, and I think that's true for Bernice Labedz as well. She believes in what she wants here as fervently as I do. It is the rest of you who will have to instruct us. My suggestion is this, and we're coming to the end of the twelve o'clock time here to do some soul searching. I'd suggest we defeat the Bernard-Stevens amendment and we give Bernice a chance to get her 30 votes on the rule suspension and if it fails, I would suggest that those of you who have listened impatiently, watching your bills die, as my bills are dying, to say that's enough and bracket the bill till next year. That seems to me to be a fair and even-handed way to get out of this, but right now you're not going to talk Bernice out of her moral position and you're not going to talk me out of mine. It's going to be the rest of this body that says how much of an agenda we complete and I'd suggest that we talk to each other about this rather than simply sitting in our chairs waiting for the right moment to come. You'll have to seize the day here, carpe diem, as the Latins say, and take this issue away from the two camps, otherwise, we will, I assure you, fight to the last breath.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Hefner, would you care to speak to the matter? Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: I'd like to speak on reconsideration, not now.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Crosby, any comment on this question?

SENATOR CROSBY: Not on the issue of rules.