

state, different location, and in a different environment, with different teachers and counselors and aid...people working with the child, the child was able to begin to communicate and being able to understand and speak responses. During the questioning of the child, and the questioning was simply to find out where we should place the child within the program, within their particular community, they stumbled onto what may be or could be potential abuse. And they went every...on different days, they approached it from different angles to try to make sure that the child was being consistent with what was now being for the first time spoken by the child. And, in fact, I'd have to guess...I would have to say to the body that the child was speaking it all the time, the child was trying to say it all the time, we just didn't know how to communicate with the child, or the child could not communicate with us in the normal fashion. Consequently, there came a report from the question and answers that would have a substantial or could have a substantial bearing on the case. But the information was beyond the statute of limitations by no fault of the child, certainly, and no fault of the parents, no fault of the institutions involved, it simply was one of those particular circumstances where the child was unable to communicate until after three years. The parents contacted me and asked if I would help support LB 211 which would extend it to five years. I told them at that time that I would do with the following understanding, that I felt that the case that they were involved with and is currently under...within the court system at this time, these types of cases and the statute of limitations needs to be discussed by the Judiciary Committee and needs to be discussed by the body as a whole, and to that degree I was willing to co-sponsor with Senator Langford in order to bring a bill to the body so that the body could philosophically discuss whether we need to advance the statute of limitations in this area from three to five years. Quite honestly there are good arguments...

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: ...both pro and con. And I'm relatively surprised that it came out of the committee without any particular amendments. I know Senator Chizek has an amendment dealing with murder and homicide that he'll be offering on Select File, and certainly that discussion will take place. But there are some other discussions that will need to take place as well. One of the things that the body needs to be concerned with, with a bill of this nature, is in my particular