

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Senator Kristensen. Senator Chizek, I just want to be on the record that I certainly have not said anything today detrimental to the committee process because I respect not only what you and your committee have tried to do with the number of bills you have but I also know how much deliberation and time you spend on some very crucial and emotional issues, going far, far late into the evening making sure everyone would have the time available. And I also remember I have a couple of bills still in the committee that may come out so I want you to know that your committee is doing an outstanding job and I commend it highly. However, on another note, Senator Kristensen, I think, has summed up the bill relatively well. I think the bill should advance. I think there are still some things that the body needs to consider. Senator Chambers' amendment, for example, had 13 votes for...in fact, there were more votes for taking out Section 3 of Chapter 28-320, and there were 20 people who didn't vote and I sometimes think that we try...in order to move in the body, we try not to do all the things we need to do and we probably should have had a roll call vote and had a call of the house so that everyone would have been here. But, unfortunately, most of the body may not have been listening because they were doing other things at that point. I don't know if we would have had a fair vote on it or not but I think it would be a good amendment to come back on Select File, Senator Chambers. I think the discussion today has been good. I think the discussion has been worthwhile. I think the bill should advance so we continue the discussion. The bill does have a downside to it. I don't think anyone is trying to say that it doesn't...

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: ...but there is a real positive side as well. And I agree with Senator Kristensen that a prosecutor is going to be very careful when they use that five-year statute of limitations because the evidence does become stale. There is...the longer you wait, the longer and more difficult it would be to get a conviction and I realize that. But I also realize, as Senator Kristensen and Senator Langford and others have stated, that there are those cases that will be able to be prosecuted, that will be good cases, and one of the examples would be one of the cases that I referred to earlier. And I also agree that the body needs to be careful of legislating for particular cases because sometimes you help one area of the law and help one group of people but you hurt a larger group in