

talks about the type of information that is going to be taught within the curriculum. My kindergarten son is taught to wash his hands after he goes to the bathroom. That's the type of stuff we're talking about here, the sort of thing, the prevention of diseases, proper nutrition. Drug abuse and abuse, we have a lot of talk here about drugs and the problems we have with drugs in our society. This is a drug abuse prevention bill. Talking about updating the sort of information we give people about drug abuse and misuse. How to prevent accidents and safety, all of these kind of things that we expect our schools to deal with, we're just updating this language, making it clearer what it is we expect schools to do. It's in our curriculum, it's not...we're not going to be substituting brand new classes in anything. The classes are already there, it's just updating the language so that we'll have more modernistic instruction in the sort of programs that our schools are already teaching. It's a good bill. I think the fact that we all want to look at what's hiding behind the language and the words in the statute demonstrates more our inability to cope with these issues that says anything about our schools or our students or our teachers or our education system. It's a good bill and I think you should support it.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Crosby, followed by Senator Beck and then Senator Bernard-Stevens. Senator Crosby, please.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Mr. President and members, I guess when Senator Withem uses the word modernistic, I think more of contemporary language and I think there is a lot of things in contemporary language that perhaps we take for granted these days but don't always see what's behind them. I can't say that I see a school-based clinic behind this but sometimes there is a foot in the door. Maybe that's what some of us are concerned about. The death and dying thing is still the one part of the bill that concerns me. I still feel that that has a moral and philosophical side to it that the average teacher...and this is nothing against their education, nor against the people, because all of you in this place know how I feel about teachers, they're wonderful people, but they are not...they are not educated to speak about moral and philosophical issues always. I'm sure they take very few philosophy classes when they take their education to be educators, to be teachers. So that's what I am concerned about, the particular thing about death and dying. And I think, as I said, I got more complaints about that than anything else, I really did. And when this comes along for a