

They will have suffered death. They will have suffered loss. They would have suffered death, suicides of their friends, and they will suffer the social enigma that goes on with health care and self-esteem and all that goes in. And I would also like to tie in some other issues with the 30 seconds or so I have left. Keep in mind that we're talking later on in this session about prisons and we're talking about expanding prisons. One of the things that we must do in this body is focus on the beginning of the process, the beginning of self-esteem, the beginning of learning about what life is truly about. And I am convinced that I may not be a teacher qualified to teach a topic on death and dying, but if I get the opportunity, I will meet with my community and I will find a way and will make it work because it has to work, because if we don't do it in the elementary...in the education system, somebody else will do it for us...

PRESIDENT: Time.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: ...and I don't think you want that. I urge the support of 514.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Schimek, your light...Senator Schimek, you're the last light, would you like this to be your closing?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: That would be perfectly fine with me, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: All right.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Mr. President and members of the body, I would like to address a couple of things that have been said on the floor and then have a few closing remarks. I think what Senator Bernard-Stevens was saying to us is that we really can't bury our heads in the sand, that there are a lot of issues out there that are not necessarily being addressed by the family or other institutions. Remember that a lot of these children do not even have churches that they go to that provide this kind of help to them. I read a letter recently to Ann Landers that indicated a grown woman who had finally, at last, sought psychological counseling because when she was young some relative had died and she had never been counseled on how to deal with her grief and as an adult she was trying to come to terms with that. Now I don't say that our schools can do everything for children and can help them through the grieving process but it can help them