

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: And I ask you not to support Senator Labeledz's motion.

PRESIDENT: There's a motion on the desk, I understand.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Scofield has a priority motion and that motion is to bracket LB 769 until January 24.

PRESIDENT: Senator Scofield, please.

SENATOR SCOFIELD: Thank you, Mr. President. I make this motion not to slow things up but because of the level of emotion that I sense in this room. I asked Senator Bernard-Stevens if he was going to withdraw his motion and he said he was not. I went down and mentioned that to Senator Labeledz and I could see that she was fairly disturbed about this whole motion, to put it mildly, and my concern, as I stated earlier, is in the box that we find ourselves right now and our desire to move ahead we could set a very dangerous precedent and it primarily concerns me because of the example that Senator Bernard-Stevens remembered and that's when we debated the budget bill section by section and, frankly, I didn't find that any more enjoyable than you did, but I think it was a useful exercise and that seemed to be what people wanted at the time and I would not want to deny that in the future. And it seems to me that the questions this raises about our rules would suggest that we should not cast a vote on this right now just to get us out of this box and to move blindly ahead, for whatever reason. And I don't think it would hurt to take maybe, I think I said till the 24th, to take a couple of days and have tempers calm down a little bit here. I don't know that this issue is going to get away or that emotions aren't going to prevail again, but for right now I don't think this is a great time to take a vote on a rule that carries the kind of magnit...long term ramifications that this particular rule division question does. And so I would ask that Senator Bernard-Stevens perhaps get with Senator Labeledz or other interested parties and see if we can't work this out and not in the meantime trash our rules and cause ourselves all kinds of trouble the rest of this session. I suspect this is pretty early to start out with this level of emotion. It might not be a bad idea to bracket this and give us a day for cooler heads to prevail. I would ask that you bracket it for two days. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Labeledz, your light is on, did