

Chair, that does not preclude any senator, which includes Senator Bernard-Stevens, by offering 18 different deletion amendments to his amendment. Ladies and gentlemen, you will talk about each one of these sections one way or the other because I will put forth to you that I will offer these as amendments and I will have amendments that would basically do the same thing as dividing the question, which way I have done. By simply asking and saying, suggesting by amendment that we delete Section 2(a), we delete Section 2(b), we delete Section 2 (e), (c) (i), (ii) and (iii), I can do that too and you can't stop me. You can have it this way or you can have it the other. I'm sorry, that's the way it is. Senator Labeledz stated something that shocked her, and this may shock others of you too, I know I'm not bodily the most popular person right now, I hope none of my bills are coming presently before the body, it is not going to be pretty. Nonetheless, I have always stated to my constituents that, as a father, I believe I have the right, not even to mention the legal responsibility and the liability, to know what happens to my children. And whether I speak to Senator Carson Rogers or Senator Dierks or Senator Smith or all of you, I would be the first one to say if I had a daughter, I would want to know. I may not be able to have consent but, by Lord, I would want to know, and I support that and I always have. But, members of the body, I don't know if you did this or not, I did, I took this issue head up in my district and I went to different groups, many of them being pro-life, and I said to them the same thing I told you about I feel as a parent, I have the right to know.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: What I said, have you taken time to read 769?

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Have you taken time to really look and see if you're better off or worse off with 769? And when I explained it section by section, they looked at me and said, we did not know that's how it was written. Have you tried to improve it? I said, oh, yes. You know, a child can just forge a signature and get an abortion and people, believe me, they will. I don't know how detached you are from children but when they're emotionally distraught, as easy it is, they will forge a signature and have that abortion. I said, we tried to have that notarized so the parent truly was notified and the body rejected it. Why? Because we would change the bill from Minnesota and