

it's going to be ruled by the Constitution, by the Supreme Court in April, and we'll have the same bill as Minnesota if it's ruled constitutional. Nobody asked the question, was Minnesota's bill a good one?

PRESIDENT: Time.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Because, people, many bad bills are constitutional.

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SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: And this is one.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Landis, please, followed by Senator Hall.

SENATOR LANDIS: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, I have three points to make. First, I support the bracket motion because I think, in fact, given a certain amount of time we might be able to regain our equilibrium. The number of divisions in the proposed amendment is perhaps too great. There, obviously, should be some discussion. I think, Senator Lindsay, with his sincere interest in maintaining appropriate rights in members of the body to divide questions reasonably, and Senator Bernard-Stevens could come up with, say, three divisions of that amendment that we could take on, deal with and move on. But it requires time and some discussion outside this format to come up with that kind of conclusion. Secondly, it's critical to note that the Bernard-Stevens amendment, as with any of your own that might be attempts to improve the bill, are at risk not only because of the motion to suspend the rules today but the motion to suspend the rules that's already filed that's there for Select File, meaning that, in fact, what Senator Labeledz indicated cannot come about without coming first up against a rule to...a motion to suspend the rules. Why? Because there is jockeying here going on about shutting off debate or making debate, which brings me to my last point. In fact, our normal working order doesn't work here. In fact, courtesy, in fact, reasonableness and prior notice, all the kinds of things that you and I do as the hallmark of our legislation, if I raise the interest rate on a credit card bill or you want to decrease the amount of signatures on a petition, we do every day. But it doesn't fit here. It doesn't fit here because part of the body says we will not stand for tactical