

young woman in this state. The Legislature was saying there's a bill out there that we want to copy, because...only because the Supreme Court has picked up that case to be heard. For no other reason than the Supreme Court will make a decision, not now, not tomorrow, not during the session, but later in April. Consequently, even if the bill is poorly drafted, even if the bill has some serious flaws, for example a girl can simply forge a note from their parents saying they've been notified and she can have the abortion and there is no further investigation, there is no verification.

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Serious flaws of this nature are not going to be taken up, are not going to be accepted into the bill because it could, it could change the bill drastic enough where the Supreme Court's decision won't apply to the new law we have. And the Legislature began to smell water, began to stampede. After my amendment was a motion to suspend the rules and we would have moved onto Select File. And then very convenient, though maybe accidentally I would also suspect, Senator Chambers, on Select File, would have three amendments pending and they are very small. They may not even have much discussion, even though I'm sure the senator would try. There is not a lot of maneuverability on those amendments. And, wouldn't you know, Senator Schmit had a suspension...a suspend the rules motion pending, so anyone who would offer an amendment on Select File would never have had that amendment discussed because the 30 votes would have been there and the stampede would have been finalized.

PRESIDENT: Time.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: And I, for one, am not throwing away democratic principles and ideas for the sake of starting a stampede, for the sake of agreeing to the bill that in philosophy I support but in realistic life, in the dysfunctional families that I think I believe this Legislature still does not fully understand, cannot support the way it is written. My motion is to override the Chair so that it can be divided. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Chambers, you're up, then Senator McFarland and Senator Labeledz. Senator Chambers, please.