

PRESIDENT: Time.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: And you're a little scary today. I don't know if you'll have the courage to change your vote, but I'm sure going to give you a chance. And, yes, I know I have a lot of amendments to the amendments pending. But I guarantee this body many of those would be withdrawn, if I knew that we could count on democratic principles being upheld. I think most of you know that I'm honorable enough to work with you on that matter. I am sly, but I'm sincerely sly, Senator Hefner. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. The speaking order is Senator Labeledz, Senator Chambers and Senator McFarland. Senator Labeledz, please.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Thank you, Mr. President. Senator Bernard-Stevens, you did a beautiful job. But while you were talking you mentioned the fact what principles do we have, the senators on the floor, have in taking away the rights of all Americans. You talked about the democratic rights, you talked about the minority rights, but you failed to even mention or even mention what the bill is all about, and it's the rights of an unborn child. I wasn't going to speak on that, on your motion to overrule the Chair, but you forced me into it. You also said that, some time before this morning, that the bill, LB 769, was poorly drafted. Evidently you don't remember that the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals, in Minnesota, upheld, and this bill was drafted according to their decision. Evidently Senator Bernard-Stevens believes that he's more intelligent than the Eighth Circuit Court in Minnesota. In the newspaper this morning and on TV Senator Bernard-Stevens said I was tired. You haven't even begin to see me tired. You know I said this was my last session, but you may force me to run, at the age of 72, because I'll drop dead at this microphone before I let you get away with what you're getting away with today. Let me go on to tell you something. Last night I tried to convince myself that Senator Stevens is right, I am tired. But I wasn't tired, I was angry, because after four hours of debate I had to go into another three hour meeting on child and sexual abuse of children, young boys, young children. And it was very difficult for me to sit there and listen to what's happening in the State of Nebraska. I might also bring up the fact that later on in the afternoon one of our colleagues asked me into his office. And let me read a six or seven page letter about child abuse that was occurring, it did occur in his town. Let me tell you,