

morning, a lot of my friends and a lot of my constituents watch us on Channel 32 in Lincoln. I want everyone to know here, there, I'm not angry with anyone. I know some people get angry with me because of the way I vote on certain things. I had a lot of people angry with me last Friday on LB 159, the tort reform bill. I've had several into my office and on the phone already on that bill. So, no matter what I do, there is somebody out there that doesn't like it. But I really mean that when I say I'm not angry because I think on this particular issue and others like it, the emotional issues that have to do with life and health, if we cannot visit and talk to each other and discuss them without recrimination, then we lose our dignity and the respect of our constituents. So I'm trying very hard not to be angry, and I really don't feel that way. I'd like to point out to you, and I know you've all been involved, every single organization I have ever belonged to argues, at one time or another, the boards and so on, argue about the rules, and they argue about the bylaws, they want to change them, whatever comes along they want to discuss them. That's the American way of life going way back to the old town hall, which is...the town hall method is still used in New England. So, as far as I'm concerned, if you want to argue about the rules from now until April 9th, I guess that is your privilege. But for me, the underlying rule is that you may vote against or for those rules. That is the basic premise of our freedom that we can be for or against. So for you to tell me that I can't vote against a rule or for it, you're contradicting yourselves when you say that. I would hope eventually that we might talk about the bill, or even about the amendment, because I have a lot of questions on the amendment. Obviously, I'm never going to get to ask them. I would like to ask Senator Bernard-Stevens one question, if he would yield to me. I see he's up at the Speaker's....Well, I'll talk about something else, and then I'll ask Senator Bernard-Stevens my question. One of the things that Senator Bernard-Stevens said this morning in chastising the Legislature is that those of us who are pro-life, if you want to use that expression, and I am, I always opt for life, and I think the young girls and boys, as I talked about the other day, need our help, our respect and our love. And I don't care if they come from a poor family, a rich family, or whomever, they need someone to help them. And so some of my questions were directed to the part in the amendment where he speaks about an adult family member, but what he said was those of us who are on this bill do not vote for the bills that help with prenatal nutrition and parent care. I, for one, always vote for those bills. I