

vote for them to come out of committee, I support them, I ask my constituents to support them. I ask them to write to the senators, and I get a lot of mail and phone calls. Senator Bernard-Stevens, I really would like to ask you a question. Now he's leaving. (Laugh.) I'm watching you, so you'll answer my question. All I want is a yes or no. This has to do with his having concerns because this particular bill was tailored after the Minnesota law. So my question is this, did you, last year, vote for the school choice bill, number 183?

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Yes.

SENATOR CROSBY: And that bill, in particular, is tailored after the Minnesota law, right?

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: No.

SENATOR CROSBY: Yes, it is.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: No, we changed that, amended that tremendously, Senator.

SENATOR CROSBY: ...okay, you're taking my...don't...don't explain the choice bill to me. Thank you very much for your answer. The choice bill started out in Minnesota, and we were given lots of facts, we even had somebody come down from Minnesota. So my only point is that every bill comes from somewhere, and I don't think that's a good argument. So, thank you very much. I'm going to support the Chair, I'm going to support the Chair. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Labedz, please.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Thank you, Mr. President. Just before the division of the question came up and just before the Chair made its ruling, I went over to Senator Chambers and I said, Senator, you have four parts, division of the question. If we went along with the four divisions, would that be it, could we then vote on Senator Bernard-Stevens amendment, as amended, if it's amended, and also with Senator Landis' amendment? And I thought possibly then we could come to a vote on General File on LB 769. And Senator Chambers refused. I just thought it was important that the members of the Legislature knew that, that I was willing to go with the four divisions of the question and then vote, as I said, for the amendment as amended, and Senator Chambers said,