

members is, do you really want to allow the minority to control the body? Someone, and I think it was Senator Bernard-Stevens, and I respect him very much. He said, you know there have to be some minority rights. Well if minority is going to rule then after three tries in a Congressional primary I ought to be sitting in the House of Representatives. (Laughter.) The facts are that eventually the majority rules, eventually the majority prevails. And so I want to point out here the majority can always prevail. We are a disciplined body, we are a respectful body. I do not condemn anyone for using the rules, I do not condemn anyone for using their expertise, I do not question their right to do so. But I just want to point out again that the newest member of this body can walk on this floor and do exactly what Senator Labeledz did this morning, and if you have 30 votes you're going to get the job done. You don't even need 30 votes. The point is well taken, I think, that Senator Barrett was very gracious, we had four days of debate, but is four days adequate? What are the most important issues? One of the editorials said they're other important issues, taxes, education, compared to children I don't think they're that important. I respect the fact that Senator Chambers believes that when a child is born it is entitled to all the benefits of society. I am sure that he respects my concern and my belief that when the child is conceived that child is entitled to those benefits. We have a basic difference of opinion. The facts are that on this floor I think this morning we have demonstrated that any one of us can tie up the body. I do not choose to do so. I'm sorry and apologize for the time I have taken, but there comes a time when it is important, I believe, to make a point. I hope I have made that point. And, as Bernice has said this morning, that time will come again. I'm sure that if I were to do so and take the morning, this morning, that there would be reciprocity, and that would mean that if we're going to spend four days on the debate of 397, that when another bill came up we'd spend four days, that would just about take the balance of the session to handle about ten bills. I don't think we want to put this body in that position, nor do we want to put the Speaker in that position. I want to thank you for your time this morning. Mr. Clerk, I'd ask permission to withdraw that amendment and all the other amendments.

PRESIDENT: They are all withdrawn. Read the bill.

CLERK: (Read LB 397 on Final Reading.)