

haven't discussed withdrawing your amendment with anybody from the Governor's Office.

SENATOR LANGFORD: I have not.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay, thank you. There's a commercial out that the Governor is giving in her reelection campaign that refers to the work she's done to get drug-free school zones and the bill hasn't even passed. I bet if I went around this room I could find some people in here that the Governor has talked to about this and the necessity of salvaging a program. Senator Korshoj says she hasn't talked to him. Senator Korshoj, I think any communication between you and the Governor would not be described as "talk" anyway. (Laugh) Senator Korshoj is one of those people that you've got to use something a little more... a little more forceful than just words to make a point if he's in opposition to you. But I listened to Senator Bernard-Stevens talk and if we were talking about rearing little children, if we're talking about a day care center then what he said would be right on point, but he's new here, wet behind the ears. Somebody called him "David fighting Goliath" and that kind of caught his fancy, so now he's on a hobby horse comparing giving somebody a life sentence to upscaling the punishment you give for your children. First of all, if you love your children, Senator Bernard-Stevens, you don't have to always be doing that punishing. If I go by my experiences as a father with my children, I didn't whip my children, I didn't scold my children, I didn't try to humiliate them, none of that. I used to take my children for rides on the bus, took them for walks all the time, changed their diapers, fed them, let them work with me when I was washing dishes, when I was cooking and developed a rapport where this concept of doing harsh things to children did not enter into the relationship between me and my children and maybe that's why...

PRESIDENT NICHOL: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...I condemn so strongly those kind of activities when I see them institutionalized in schools, in Sunday schools, in day care centers and other places. So maybe, Senator Bernard-Stevens, what you see as undue leniency on my part is the humanity that I developed in treating children the way I wish adults would treat all children; the way perhaps I wish I had been treated by adults when I was a child. But that is not what we're talking about here. I realize this is a