

SPEAKER BARRETT: Mr. Clerk, have you any other items on the desk?

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Bernard-Stevens would move to return the bill.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The Chair recognizes Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Mr. President, and I will withdraw this very, very quickly. I didn't want to do a point of personal privilege, I wasn't sure that was actually in order. But, I, too, wanted to comment on the...on the Voters For Choice material that was handed out by Senator Labeledz. And, believe it or not, I totally agree with Senator Smith. I, personally, believe that documents such as this are absurd and particularly when you look at what we're being graded on, and I say, we, everyone in the body. We're...y...re being graded on this one on whether you contributed to LB 769. I suppose that's like if you're in school and the teacher gives you a participation grade. If you participate in speech, you're going to get a good mark. If you sit back and think and analyze and feel you don't need to say anything, you get a poor mark, and that's absurd. As most of you know, we haven't even voted on LB 769, obviously, so it's very difficult to get a reading on that particular thing. But I suppose we're going to do it on whether or not we're going to vote to cease debate and I know there are many members in the body who will never vote to cease debate. I will be one of those and I have been consistently all year. I know others won't. And so they're being graded on a philosophical thing on whether they think people have the right to speak or not. That's absurd. A sponsor of a bill, you're also being graded on? You're going to be graded on whether you actually sponsored a bill? Who cares? Why don't we go ahead and put if you co-sponsor a bill? That's a litmus test as well. That's absurd, absolutely absurd. The point Senator Smith made is so valid and I think a majority of the members of this body, deep down, believe it to be true. The absurdity on both sides of this issue is something that we, in this body, have got to have the guts and the intelligence to plow through that. The absurdity of bringing up on 662 the possibility of some school district is going to put in a clinic is absurd. In my 15 years of being in education and checking with people that have been in there longer, I have never heard of a school district wanting even to propose a school-based clinic. Why would a school