

bills and these issues? We have some important legislation before us, ladies and gentlemen, and we're not going to get to them in time to see that some of those bills pass. This bill that we're discussing right here is an important bill in which Senator Lindsay and Senator Wesely and others have worked to try to resolve these problems. This bill is going to be stalled here probably all day and maybe longer. When are we going to get to some of these things? When are we going to get to some of these other issues? Are we going to go through this whole session with abortion hanging over everything only to discover next year that what we did here this year was in vain because the Supreme Court has handed down a ruling that says this or that law is unconstitutional? It seems to me ridiculous. Can't we come to an agreement to stop this debate and agree that we're not accomplishing anything constructive by this debate and say we'll put it off until next year when we know how the courts have ruled, and then if we want to come back and have these debates, fine. As it is, we're going to continue this and we're still going to come back next year and continue this debate. Please, ladies and gentlemen, let's get off this issue this year and do something that will be of benefit to the citizens of this state. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Nelson, please, followed by Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR NELSON: Mr. Speaker, I, too, feel like Senator Abboud, Senator Wesely, Senator Schimek. Senator Lindsay knew, had to know what he was doing when he did this. He's...I give him a lot more credit for this. When LB 854 was debated in Judiciary, truly a bill that is very constitutional suspect, the testimony went on and on, onto that degree. He's smart enough to know that that's what he was bringing to the people. I could probably flag 19,000 signatures very easy, passing them around in 31 churches. Why, one minister gave in his testimony that he supported, incidentally, some Lutheran and many, many Protestant churches. I'm not sure if there were any Catholic in there or not. A poll recently taken by the University of Iowa Social Science Institute showed only 7 percent, 7 percent of Midwesterners are pro-life on the abortion issue while 39 are pro-choice. In addition, now this is what is important, 65 percent would preferredly state laws regulating abortion as they currently are, or make it even easier for women to obtain an abortion. I'm not saying we should make it either easier or we should not. I would like to ask Senator Lindsay a question