

would think that what they would at least want to be doing is pushing the points, pushing the points on their bill as to why this bill is so important, so necessary that we hold up some specific very important items on Final Reading. I'm particularly interested because of 688. Senator Byars who has talked to me before of the number of people that are going to be affected, over 100 people will be infected in institutions in his district if we don't get to 688. And yet Senator Labeledz decides she doesn't want to take any time. She's willing to go ahead and put the body, delay the body, put us through spinning wheels of doing absolutely nothing, the body knows that. She's not going to talk on why she is doing this. Senator Lindsay is not even here. He is in the Senate Lounge cracking jokes. And you have to at some point wonder why. I guess what the strategy would be is, let's show once and again how strong the other side feels on the issue, and we can point to them and say, see, those are the bad people. They feel so strongly on the issue that they're speaking, we didn't even get a chance to speak, they kept us from speaking, they filibustered it to death. But yet when you try to give them some time for them to explain why they are doing this to the body at this time, what is their justification for doing this, knowing full well what is going to happen, they simply don't have anything to say. I think that says something about motives. I think that says something about sincerity, and I think that says something to what is being done here today, and that's the frustrating part. There is no debate on the issue today. People are having to stand up actually and talk and go through the motions and I don't want to do that, but there is no other choice.

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: I think the members of the body know that we could move on to LB 688 and others if the motions were withdrawn. Senator Lindsay is not going to do that which leaves anyone opposing that in a position of, well, I guess we're going to have to keep from getting to that scenario and there is no way out of that. There is absolutely no way out of that unless the Speaker would take it off the agenda and I assume there would be a fight on that too. And it's very unfortunate, members of the body, whether I or any of us in here are so enthralled with one issue in our hearts that we are blind to every other need out there, so blind that we don't care about any other need out there, so blind that we don't care about any other need except our own need.