

We can sit down with pizza or burgers in the rooms and hammer some of this stuff out between ourselves and save us a lot of time on the floor. In this issue, we could have saved days, or hopefully. No guarantees ever on anything. We all know that. But I think it could work and I think maybe we need to think about that, get together away from the pressure of the floor and discuss these issues and hopefully reach compromises in a different setting, a different situation and maybe we can solve some of these problems. Maybe we can become proactive in addressing these problems and I think it would help us out all quite a bit and if I have any time left, I'd give it to Senator Chambers.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Chambers, approximately one minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, that gives me about enough time to make an observation, tailgating on what Senator Morrissey had just said. The lobby has all but emptied and there's a different type of debate which is occurring as a result of that. People are expressing what I think their true convictions are, and I know that in a public forum such as this talking in front of people with whom we know we're going to have conflicts again in the future, nobody is going to completely reveal his or her innermost thoughts, but I think we've reached a different level of sincerity than has been possible in the past when this issue has been discussed. And I think this debate has shown the seriousness of the entire matter, the complexity of the problems, the unanswered questions and the mistake in seeking a simplistic approach or solution to a serious problem. Even if both of these bills that will be before us...

SPEAKER BARRETT: Time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...were enacted, we would still have unanswered questions and problems remaining.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The Chair is pleased to take note of the fact that we have a number of guests, 19 sixth graders from the 39th Legislative District, Overton Elementary in Overton, Nebraska, with their teacher in our south balcony. Would you people please stand and be recognized by the Legislature? Thank you. We're glad you could be with us this afternoon. Additional discussion on the motion to return the bill to Select File, Senator Bernard-Stevens.