

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, I've also been wandering around talking with senators on various things and one of the things that has come up quite often today is, you know, we've had a tremendous number of very controversial bills and on those bills people have been able to at some time or another, sit down and try to work out, find common ground, I guess maybe that's...I'm not saying compromise, but find common ground. And as I listened to the discussion today from Senator Hall and Senator Crosby and Senator Wehing and Senator Chambers and others, I sense that there is a lot of difference out there in opinion, but I also sense that there is a lot of common ground and I think where we got into trouble on this particular amendment, actually the LB 769 discussion which is what the discussion is, is that it started out this year kind of like, we've got this many votes, we don't care about making it better or we don't care about working with concerns, we're going to go this way come hell or high water, and I think that's where we probably got into trouble on this particular bill because we didn't have a dialogue like we're having today, we didn't have a shared discussion, we didn't find that common ground and build upon that. Hopefully, next year we can. We can start out on the common ground where we as a body find the common ground, work from that point outward and do something that is right in this particular area. Because I think all people...let me rephrase that, I think the majority of Nebraskans are very, very concerned with the number of abortions. I think a majority of Nebraskans by far would like to see the number of abortions reduced drastically. I don't know of many Nebraskans who want abortions on demand. I don't know many Nebraskans who want abortions used as a decision on what Senator McFarland was saying, the sex of a child. There is a lot of common ground there, but where we differ is the role of government, what governments can do and the right of the woman to decide, but there is so many things that we agree upon that we can build on. Senator Byars, I'd like to ask you a question if I can. One of the things that when we're getting to Final Reading at the beginning, I was beginning to and refresh myself on 688 because it had been a while since I had heard that, what would actually, when we get through all those things and hopefully we'll actually get a vote on 688, you know, as it stands right now. What would 688 do that we're not going to get done today and maybe not for a long time? Would you refresh me what 688 does?

SENATOR BYARS: Certainly, thank you, Senator Bernard-Stevens.