

order, Senators Nelson, Ashford, Schimek and Landis. (Gavel.)  
Senator Nelson.

SENATOR NELSON: I think Senator Bernard-Stevens wanted a minute or two and I give the rest of my time to Senator Chambers. Do you still want it? Oh, all right, Senator Chambers wants my time I guess.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, it is heartening to see that there is this much interest still existing on this bill and the subject that we're discussing. I don't know where all the senators have been, but it's good to see you back, and as a song said when we were children, we're all in our places with bright shining faces. Oh, I'm told that they haven't even missed a word. Then that means we've probably gained some converts today, but at any rate the issue that we're discussing revolves really around LB 769 which would--thank you, Senator Lynch. I'm touched. Not everybody saw what Senator Lynch did, and because it might hurt his reputation, I'm not going to say, but he showed me an act of great kindness and I genuinely appreciate it. Oh, oh, Senator Chizek is throwing junk into the game. He said, drink it and find out. What are you suggesting, Senator Chizek? No, I don't believe that it's anything that would harm me in any way, but I had said that I would stay till midnight and I really mean that and I'm prepared to do it and we have in the last couple of hours a discussion of the issues that are directly involved in the subject that this bill, LB 769, concerns. Unfortunately, a somewhat gloomy note was introduced when Senator Byars told what LB 688 in its current form would do. If LB 688 were to pass in its current form, there is good that it could do for some people who are not able to help themselves, but if the contents are stripped out, then a statement can be made about how much concern there is for those who are not in the world at the expense of those who are in the world, who do need help, and without this bill, they may suffer great difficulties because of legal obligations incumbent on a certain state agency. But that has never been of primary concern when we've discussed this particular issue. I just wanted that into the record. The subject is one that I think is not going to be resolved by this Legislature this session. I do think the remainder of the session can be dissolved and the way to demonstrate that that's not an idle bluff is for us to see if we can stay here till midnight, and if I would have the strength