

Cuomo's position and that of any other Catholic officeholder should be that their personal religious beliefs and their governmental responsibilities are separate. The bishop should remember that when Ed Koch was Mayor of New York, he didn't try to get any laws passed banning pork. The bishop should also consider the awful things that can happen when religious beliefs become entwined with governmental powers. There was a time in this country when innocent people were burned as witches, but that isn't the most tragic happening. No, I can cite an even more heart-rending example. Several years ago some friends and I awoke in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina,...

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...with one of....Say it again.

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute, sir.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you...with one of the most painful afflictions known to man, a hangover. When we went to lunch we ordered drinks. I know, I know, it doesn't cure the misery, it simply delays it. But what's wrong with delaying it? There was always the chance that the world would end before the hangover returned. But the waitress said, oh no, we don't serve drinks, it's Sunday. You know South Carolina is a very Baptist state, that's what I mean. I have nothing against Baptists, some of them sing hymns pretty good, but just because a Baptist doesn't like pop on Sunday doesn't mean that this uncivilized, authoritarian restriction should have been imposed on free men such as ourselves. Fortunately the waitress said, "You know, you're only a few miles from the border. You can get a drink in North Carolina." Moments later we were in our car and on our way to freedom. Because of that experience, I could more fully appreciate the joy the Germans felt with the Berlin Wall tumbled down. The final sentence, and my advice to Governor Cuomo is short and simple, keep an empty bedpan next to your desk. I hope that that message properly sank in.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Landis, Senator Morrissey next.

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature. It is my perception that LB 769 is part of, as I've said before, a larger strategy, a larger picture, if you will, a front that has a national scope to it, a front that