

happen, and what I think we have found in this session and most of the State Legislatures have found in their sessions is that when the Supreme Court said we are going to back it off to the states, two different groups have decided to meet with no holds barred, with no compromise in sight. And at some point after this session and after maybe other sessions and other states go through the same wrangling we have, I think at some point logic and wisdom will filter into the body where we realize that we can't go to the extreme on one side or another. But there is something that we can agree on, instead of fighting on where we disagree and fighting to stampede on rights, or in order to abuse the system, to stop certain things from happening, to protect minority rights, whatever the justification we have, at some point, we are going to turn around and say where do we agree? Where is our common ground? And we are going to build on that point. I go back to President Nixon, which may or may not be a good analogy to make to some people in the body, though I am interested to see where in history his...

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: ...status is improving from what it was in the Watergate era, but when President Nixon, one of the things that he did which I think will go down in history for being a good foreign policy president in this regard at least, and that is he went to China, and two groups that were indoctrinating their people to be totally against each other, be hateful, and to oppose everything, all of a sudden they went to China, and the way they were able to do that, Senator Chambers, is they were able to say let us not concentrate on what we differ on and how we hate each other on these points, but where are our common grounds. Let us agree to disagree, but let us broaden where we are common. At some point, the Legislature will get to that point on emotional issues such as the abortion issue. But I wanted to kind of clarify the position and I take in this body is very difficult to try...

SPEAKER BARRETT: Time.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: ...to bring in the world of principle into the world of politics. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Chambers, please.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman, and members of the Legislature,