

I guess I am different from Senator Bernard-Stevens. I don't leave my principles at the door of the Capitol and then I walk in here and I become something different. And what he is saying about how many politicians behave is correct, but it is not correct for me. I could avoid a lot of grief on the floor of this Legislature if I would engage in these vacillations, these compromises as they are called, but, in reality, they are retreats from principles that we articulate and say guide our life and our conduct. Senator Bernard-Stevens mentioned other agendas and he is right. There are a lot of people who say because it's a bill in which I have an interest has been burdened down with amendments I will sit my principles on this other issue aside, so that that bill can be dealt with the way I want it to. Then I pick my principles up again. They are not tarnished. They are not sullied, and they are none the worse for wear. Well, those are not principles. Those are false faces. The term "hypocrite" came from a Greek word and it just meant those who wear masks because the actors were called hypocrites. They wore masks that concealed what they really were. So if these principles that can be put on and taken off as expediency dictates are simply the masks that the Greek actors and actresses wore, and a word was developed that applies today to people who wear masks and conceal what they really are. On the ship...on the sea they flew false flags, the pirate ships, and then when an unsuspecting galleon or other vehicle or craft or vessel came along, they run down that false flag and run up the Jolly Roger. So I guess what Senator Bernard-Stevens is saying is that when we are out talking to youngsters in schools and reading to them and serving with telethons where people of integrity are supposed to be involved, we run up whatever flag those people will respect. But then, when we get away from that environment where they don't see us, then we strike those colors and run up the Jolly Roger, the skull and the crossbones, which really represent what we are. That is why, Senator Bernard-Stevens, I think these issues are not going to be handled in a way that is just for those who are most harmed because the ones often who say they are speaking for those people and representing their interests don't really have the stomach to do what is really necessary to advocate the cause of those people. There will never come a time, though, when any cause that is just and proper will lack for some voice or voices. This is one of those types of situations. There are women right now as we speak who are facing unspeakable problems. I got a letter from a lady the other day mentioning how little they get in the way of assistance through ADC, how her children