

did you wish to speak on this? Followed by Senator Morrissey.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. You know, it's one of those things where, if you just kind of keep picking at a sore or a scab, pretty soon you kind of uncover what's really there. Maybe there's some dirt within. Maybe there's a foreign object. Maybe there's a piece of wood that's causing some infection that you can finally get down to. And I really appreciate Senator Warner for being probably more direct than I was on part of the dilemma that we have on this particular bill. You know, if you scratch at something long enough, sooner or later some of the... some of the foreign objects that were there that were before not seen all of a sudden come to the surface after awhile. And as I've kind of stated, at some point, I don't really feel there this is an intention at all about getting real information about 775. I don't think so at all. It never has been. Even assuming there weren't elections this year, even making that assumptions, there would be not any better information out there that not any of us could take one bit of the information and assume it one way and another bit of information and assume it the other way. We can do whatever we want to with the numbers. That has not changed and that will never change. But finally the other bits start to come to surface that this isn't what it was purported to be at all, this is simply an election issue. Do we want the Governor to look good or bad and, I'll be honest with you, maybe the figures will make the Governor look very good. Maybe the figures won't. I don't know, but what I do know is no matter what information that we do get, if anyone wants to make someone look bad they can use whatever numbers they want to do so. If I choose to counter that using the same numbers, I can use those same numbers to make the Governor or anyone else look good, and it's a perversion of the system as far as what we're trying to do here. And I'm glad Senator Warner, through his amendment, has finally put the real issue up front and it's not getting better information on 775, it's how to harass or how to do other things for political agendas. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Morrissey, please; followed by Senator Wesely.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Thank you, Mr. President and members. I don't know if I agree with Senator Stevens (sic). I think we can, we should study this. We should study it. Sure, we can all use the figures any way we want. That's what we do with a