

often were it's going to be real tough, it's going to be very bitter and emotional, because we're going to be talking about two subjects that are very close to home, one is a deeply felt religious, moral argument, discussion about abortion rights and the rights of the unborn, and the other topic was taxes. And the one thing I heard most often, I think, was that the session is going to be very limited in what it can do. And under the appalling shadow, I guess, of these issues, actually I think the Legislature has done well in passing some major, major issues and dealing with some major problems. And we'll still have more work to do. But the time is upon us now where we have to face, look at, face-to-face, the issue that simply won't go away, nor should it. And the interesting thing about this particular issue, and of course the issue right now is the bracket motion at this particular point, and, Mr. President, I guess I'd like to ask a parliamentary inquiry I guess at this point. Should I be talking about the bracket motion, and then we move to the amendment to that motion, or should I just go ahead and continue on an opening on the bracket motion? I guess I'd just like to inquire where you want me to go. I should rephrase that one.

PRESIDENT: What you're asking is if you may go into the reason why you want to bracket it?

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: No, I understand...if I remember correctly there is another motion filed to amend the bracket motion to a different date. I didn't know if you wanted me to pick that one up now, or just go ahead on the original bracket motion discussion.

PRESIDENT: I wasn't aware there was one, but, yes, we may take that up. Mr. Clerk, you want to talk about the amendment.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Bernard-Stevens would move to amend his bracket motion by changing April 9 until April 10.

PRESIDENT: Okay, now you may talk about April 10th, if you wish to.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you. At least we're on the right, right track. And I need to be careful how I word things. For example, I asked...left myself wide open. Thank heavens the Chair is very much a gentleman, asking the Chair to tell me where I should go. (Laugh.) There were some other comments that...they were very kind as well. But it could have been