

sit down together, and we did make some changes. I didn't agree with all of them, but we did, at least, get to discuss it. If I recall, the last time I had a rules suspension, and then there was a division of the question into about 20 parts, and it just went on and on. And I really appreciate the fact...But I do want to mention one thing, Senator Chambers, it's no big decision for me, when I go to buy a pair of shoes, whether I buy the red or the black ones, I just make the decision and I buy both. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Labeledz. Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Bernice, I want to take credit for the entire thing. It wasn't 20, I think it was 22 different variations there were. And you're absolutely correct, we got into a lot of parliamentary wrangling. And, of course, the reasons for that was that the bill was approached a lot differently last year than this year. Last year I found myself in a position where the question was going to be called, there were a bunch of amendments filed that were...the senators were not here, they were rolled over, there was going to be a call of the question not only on General File, but there was another one that was rolled over to Select File, so there would have been a cease debate on Select File, no possibility to offer amendments, and there had to be a way to slow down, and the body got itself into what we had last year. I guess I would like to say a couple of words simply about the bill, in general. And I agree, it is going to pass this year. And I think there are a lot of people that will be very proud that it passed, and rightly so. When you work hard on a bill, and you work...and you repeatedly come back and try, you do feel good about the bill. I will not feel very comfortable, nor will I feel good about this particular bill, mainly because I still, deep down, still have this real hard feeling that even those 29 that co-signed the bill, some of them still do not really understand what it is that they've signed. They understand in theory, they understand in principle, but they haven't taken time to really look. I'll give you a small example. If anyone would have had any real desire to find out how it works, a phone call to the post office would have given you, I think, an indication of the amount of intelligence that's been into the drafting of 425. And that's not really indicative of members here, that's indicative of people in Minnesota, actually, that began it. A phone call to the post office would have told you that when the notice is sent