

These amendments because I thought the annual, the semi, two year report wasn't too bad, but I will continue to monitor and I hope you don't bracket because I think you are going and try to get the bill passed. Thank you.

MOUL: Thank you, Senator Crosby. Does anyone else speak to this amendment? Seeing none, do you wish to name Senator Bernard-Stevens?

BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you. I will give the first of my closing to Senator Baack.

MOUL: Speaker Baack.

BAACK: Yes, Madam President and colleagues, yesterday I met with some of the leaders of the Jewish community, and I met with them that I would make some remarks about the bill that were put on the temple at 20th and South Streets. Thank you, you know, this bill provides a perfect opportunity to discuss that, and I think that what we are talking about here is recognizing the people to the different cultures that we have in this state. And I think we need to do that at a young age. The two young men were, what, 23-years old, I do not know who painted those swastikas on there, or who allegedly did it, until we have proof of that, but they were responsible for doing that. I think that we should...this is an important bill. I think it says to us that we need to recognize our people to the different cultures that we have in this state, and we need to...and as a Legislature, we need to make statements about that. We need to say we will not condone antisemitism. This kind of thing that goes on in our state is something that we should not condone, and I think that this bill as dealing with multicultural education provides us an opportunity to provide that kind of education to the young people in the state that is really necessary, so that they are sensitive to the other cultures that exist in this state. I am very strongly in support of the bill. I will not, I know, I would oppose the amendment by Senator Bernard-Stevens. I hate to do that in part of his closing, but I will oppose that amendment. I think things need to be very clearly spelled out for the Department of Education so that we can be sure that things are followed through with when you have a law. When I wrote the choice law, I made sure that the law was very specific so they didn't have a whole lot of loopholes and rules and regs. So I think it is very important