

And we have had conferences and have business with education of businesses and other entities, people have learned that because there are so many working mothers and so many women in the work force today that day care is a given. You cannot say that you don't need day care because you do. So I thank you, again, Don. And if we don't get it this time, we'll get it another. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Crosby. Before we proceed, I would like to introduce some more special guests of the Legislature today. Seated under the north balcony are guests of Senator Hefner, his brother and wife, Franklin and Janice Hefner of Coleridge. Would you rise and be recognized. Welcome to the Chamber. Thank you. Also, special guests of Senator Kristensen, seated under the north balcony are Dick Young and Brent Lewis of Minden. Welcome to the Chamber. Thank you. Amendment on the desk, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Madam President, Senator Bernard-Stevens would move to amend. The amendment is on page 750 of the Journal.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Madam President. Members of the body, this is the amendment that was proposed last week. Senator Wesely asked if I would withdraw the amendment, put a friendly kill motion on so that he could lay it over to have some time to evaluate where LB 145 is going. I said I would, out of courtesy, certainly do so. And then I have, since then, as I stated, I would refile the amendment. What I propose to do, and I understand that...and I certainly understand where Senator Wesely is going to be coming from on this particular amendment. I understand his reasoning for that as I hope he understands mine, being supportive of parental leave as I have been. My...my position is the following. I don't believe, at this point, in this time, with this Legislature that there will be 25 votes to advance the family leave as it has currently been amended by the committee. I don't, in my heart, believe that the votes are there. I am trying to give the body another alternative that maybe we can...we can...we can do something in the area of family leave, something in the area that says we really do believe that the family bonding and bringing those families as much as possible together in the beginning of the birth or the adoption of a child is very, very, very important. But I also understand that the body is having a lot of