

have a constitutional amendment. The discussion will become 775 across the state and that's inappropriate. It would make my slightly overweight friend, Senator Chambers, a little angry and he would probably eat more of those Healthy Choice meals. Don't fall into that trap and don't buy that trap because that's what it is. It would become a statewide agenda on 775 and that's not appropriate. What is appropriate? It's a discussion on personal property taxation and the uncoupling of real and personal property with uniformity and nonuniformity. Keep the discussion on taxes and don't bite on the bait here to open this up for statewide discussion on 775 because that's what will occur and then this thing will be headed to defeat.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Kristensen. Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Madam Chairman, and members of the body, I want to follow up on Senator Kristensen. I think his points were very, very valid in what is trying to be accomplished with this amendment. This amendment isn't saying anything on policy of 775 and Senator Warner is absolutely correct as far as tax policy is concerned, at least in my judgment he was correct. And I suspect the majority of the body feels the policy issue would be correct as well. But when you have something as we have before us and we're fishing as much as we can to try to find our way and there may, in fact, be a way that we can go, the one thing that you cannot do, in my opinion, is to bring up and talk about the issues that may fracture the body further. And it's very clear that we don't need to bring these particular issues up because Senator Kristensen was exactly correct, it's not because anyone is afraid of Mike Harper or anyone else, it's not because we're afraid of the issue but it's not needed at this time. The court will be able to handle that if it's in due cause or we will be able to handle that in January when we continue the discussion on the direction of the policy. And again bear in mind if the CA is not approved, assuming we can get 40 votes, if it's put before the public, we don't know if they're even going to approve it but if they are, if it is approved, then we will be back here talking about policy. We will be back here listening to what the 3R Committee had to say and we will be talking about things in regards to the entire process, including whether it be earthmoving equipment and/or 775, computers, planes, what have you. So, at this point, I would think that the more efficacious way for us to proceed is to simply proceed on the area that's