

SENATOR HEFNER: Madam President and members of the body, there has been a little more discussion here today. We have talked or Senator Bernard-Stevens talked about LB 9 and whether the definitions in that bill is correct or clearly defined of what a vacancy is. So I think we have many problems here today. We have many problems in the redistricting mess that we are in. I have never seen a time frame in the Supreme Court decision. I have asked Senator Conway a couple of times, Senator Schellpeper has talked about it, but I have never seen a time frame in that decision. I would like to have somebody show that to me. There is no time frame in it, and I think we need to consider that. My thought is to defeat this bill and let the election process go forward, and then come back here after the election and redistrict the whole state. I think that will solve a lot of problems. I just feel that passing LB 7 will come back to haunt us and I hope you believe that. I feel it destroys our sacred election process that we are right in the middle of now, and if this body passes this bill, I feel that it is a blatant disregard for our election process. Madam President, I ask to withdraw this motion.

PRESIDENT MOUL: The motion is withdrawn. Is there anything further on the bill?

CLERK: Madam President, Senator Bernard-Stevens would move to return the bill.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body. I filed a motion because one of the things that has been very frustrating to me, and I know that probably the opposite is true for the body to a degree. On the discussion on the redistricting, no matter which way we go, and, of course, my feelings have been known throughout of I think the body knows what I would prefer to do, is that last week when you looked at the debate on the subject, there was no desire of anyone in this body to really debate the issue. And we all know why, there are a myriad of issues; one, because we certainly don't want to offend any of our colleagues, I can understand that. Two, this is a problem in the northeast and why should any of us get involved. It is just nothing we need to put any political chips in and I understand that, too. And three, legitimately people have disagreements on which way...which way to go, but last