

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Bernard-Stevens. Senator Bromm, to speak to the Bernard-Stevens amendment.

SENATOR BROMM: Thank you, Madam President. Senator Bernard-Stevens, would you yield to a question?

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Yes.

SENATOR BROMM: Senator Bernard-Stevens, do you support the concept or the bill, 168?

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: I voted it out of committee because I thought it was something worth discussing on the floor. I'll be candid with the Senator, it depends on whether this amendment or others are adopted as to whether I can be totally supportive, but I don't think the bill is harmful.

SENATOR BROMM: If we adopt your amendment, would it be your inclination to support the bill?

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: That would be my inclination. At this particular point, that would be correct. I hesitate to say absolutely because I don't know what other amendments may come up.

SENATOR BROMM: Do you believe that if we pass a law that says that this is public information, that that's binding on the Attorney General?

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: In my sense, that if the Attorney General was asked if he's going to make it public and he says, no, I'm not because I look at this as a client, attorney-client relationship, I think he'd have the right to do that and it would be up to the court to decide whether he actually could or could not.

SENATOR BROMM: Okay, thank you, Senator Bernard-Stevens. I'm trying to find out if...I think Senator Bernard-Stevens is serious about his amendment and I appreciate him bringing it because I think it offers us a chance for some good discussion on the point of whether or not this information and advice from the Attorney General should be public or not. Based on a prior AG opinion which is based on some information gathered pretty