

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Would you concur then that 168 does not change any of existing law, that it is one of those feel good, this is kind of our intent, but it doesn't do anything?

SENATOR BRASHEAR: I don't think it's only feel good, I think it expresses the intent of its sponsors to put a point of emphasis, if nothing else, on this subject matter.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Right, but let me push you a little bit further now, even if we state the intent as strongly felt by a lot of people, does it change anything in the law that we already don't currently do?

SENATOR BRASHEAR: I'm not certain that it does.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: All right. So if it doesn't do anything, are you going to support then a bill that doesn't do anything, that's going to take another two hours of debate when we have things like special education, we've got things on welfare reform, we've got things that do substantial things to real issues, are you going to then support, keep supporting this bill?

SENATOR BRASHEAR: It's my present intention to do so, but, obviously, I'm listening to the debate.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Preister.

SENATOR PREISTER: Thank you, Honorable President, friends all, I rise to just make a brief note and then to yield the rest of my time to Senator Chambers. I would just point out to the body that this particular type of legislation has been opposed by 33 Attorney Generals across the United States, by civil rights groups, religious rights groups, health and consumer advocate groups, the labor movement, planning groups and historic preservation groups. There are a host of groups that stand in opposition to this type of legislation. It isn't just a couple of us that are on the floor that are concerned. There is a far greater movement out there that says there are great ramifications to this type of legislation and I would hope that you would consider that. I would hope that you would listen to some of the arguments that are being posed here. And, with