

we started today, we've gone about an hour already so there's about an hour and fifteen minutes left on the bill before cloture. I know Senator Jones has lost another couple of votes today, not because they've changed, but simply because they're not here on cloture. I don't believe that he has the votes here for cloture at this particular point, would it suit the body's purpose if we say, look, there are some strong feelings on the issue. There is a possibility that we could move on to other items that are probably a little bit more substantive as far as what we can attempt to do legally in different problems that we face in the state, but we introduce a resolution tomorrow that basically says its the intent of the Legislature that, and we specifically state the concerns, the strong concerns we have on the takings issue; we have strong concerns that what the federal government is doing on the taking issues; we express concern that the agencies and the executive branch look very closely at taking issues and we urge further that the Attorney General specifically look even more carefully than they do now on the takings issues. Would you oppose doing that process where we have actually the intent and express our strong frustrations on the taking issue as a resolution?

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Senator, in the middle of that, I couldn't tell whether you were asking me a question or making a speech and I lost my way.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Both. I was taking up some time and asking you a question at the same time. Would you support a resolution that would put that intent that I talked about?

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Possibly.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: If we had a resolution talking intent, would it accomplish in your brief analysis of the bill and take if your words...if you haven't looked at it in a strict legal way, in your brief look at 168, would the resolution on intent do the same type of...would it accomplish the...

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: ...same thing?

SENATOR BRASHEAR: It does do something in that regard, yes, because it's an expression of the will of the body as a matter of public policy.