

SENATOR CHAMBERS: You've made a distinction. You are saying that Taiwan ought to be singled out, and, thank you, that is all I will ask you. These matters are things that should be concern...of concern to the Legislature. These are factors that should be given consideration. And I think nothing looks worse for the Legislature than to move off into an area such as this with no information, except to say that some senators and others have taken trips to Taiwan.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Time. Mr. Clerk, I understand there is a motion on the desk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Bernard-Stevens would move to rerefer LB 81 to the Reference Committee for purposes of referral to a Standing Committee for public hearing purposes.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body. Actually, I do so for a couple of reasons; number one, to save the body some time because I do believe that this is going to take some time because I know I have three or four amendments that I'd have to offer, if we actually are going to make...if we actually are going to bring this to a vote today, that would have to be done. So I think we should save the body some time and have...just send it as a hearing, because these types of things, even though they look like they don't mean anything at all, at all, when you get discussing foreign policy, and you get discussing the very nuances of how you word things and what we might do to insult one country, even though we are not trying to insult that country, or what we may do and what a word may say or what words that we didn't say could imply. It gets to be very serious at the international level, and you can't take these things lightly. I don't know, for example, that if we would do something favorably...favoring just Taiwan, whether that might be an irritant in mainland China, or that government, and maybe their buying of our grain may be at stake. I don't know what offense they are going to take on this. I don't know if the country of Taiwan is holding fast to the previously held position that they are the sole representative of all of China. I don't know that. I don't know what our position of the United States government is on the acceptance of Taiwan, or what conditions they have set, or what conditions other countries have set. I don't know what the criteria is for entrance in the United Nations. I don't know if Taiwan has been given the