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With that, if you have any questions I'd respond to those. That's what the amendment does, and at this point I'd ask you to return the bill to Select File.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Withem. Senator Bernard-Stevens, on the Withem motion.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Madam President, members of the body. I, too, will be supporting the amendment and the return to Select File. I, too, wanted to emphasize what Senator Withem said. We've had a good battle on LB 65, and Senator Kristensen has waged a good fight and has won on the votes that he needed to win to advance it to Final Reading. Technically this amendment when it's returned the games could be played, after the amendment is agreed to you could ask for a machine vote. Would Senator Kristensen then have his 20...majority of 25 votes or 26 votes all here today? I doubt it. So the bill probably wouldn't advance. And those are games that we've played a lot. But that is not a game that I'm certainly going to play today and I would echo the Speaker's comments that we shouldn't play that game today, because quite honestly Senator Kristensen is doing us and I think the body a favor by allowing the bill to come back for this amendment. It's been an amendment that we've kind of bandied around back here for a long time. And I'm pleased the Speaker and Senator Kristensen have agreed to put the amendment on at this point. So certainly those battles have been fought in the past. I will vote to bring the bill back, I will support the amendment and certainly will be supporting the bills' return to Final Reading, to where it is now. I appreciate Senator Kristensen's willingness to work with Senator Withem and others on this issue. And I don't foresee Senator Withem or Senator Kristensen any difficulties, and will also urge the body to return the amendment...return the bill for the amendment, adopt the amendment and move it back to Final Reading where it belongs, and then we'll have one final vote on Final Reading some day.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Bernard-Stevens. Senator Kristensen, on the Withem motion.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Madam President, members of the Legislature. My grandmother had a saying, she had a lot of good sayings. In fact, Senator Chambers, you should listen to a few of them because they probably apply to you. But one of them she had was beware of strangers bearing gifts. And so I suppose,