

Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Madam Chair, I support the motion to suspend the rules against the process that I'm concerned about, not necessarily the bill. I would urge the body to vote to suspend the rules if the bill is one that we need to do, and I think it is a good bill. So I would support Senator Will's motion.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Bernard-Stevens. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President, members of the Legislature, I'd like to ask Senator Will a question about his motion to suspend the rules.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Will.

SENATOR WILL: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Will, as you know this tactic is known as Christmas treeing. Since it's pre-Easter, would you be willing to include in your motion that we'll proclaim that Easter shall be Christmas vice versa, then we'll at least have some consistency?

SENATOR WILL: Senator Chambers, if you would introduce that amendment, we'll consider it.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you very much. I'm not going to offer it, but here's what I do say, if all committees would be as conscientious as the Judiciary Committee has been recently in killing off some of these bills that deserve to be killed we would be in much better shape on the floor. The Judiciary Committee used to just pass out trash legislation, that's what I would call it, but we've become better now and we do a lot of killing because we've become kind of a dumping ground for any and every kind of thing that doesn't go anywhere and it shouldn't come even to the Judiciary Committee. If the body is of a mind to reverse what the Judiciary Committee has done by bringing this proposal under a rule suspension then you might be telling the Judiciary Committee that what we ought to do is go back to what so many other committees have been doing. We have so much trash legislation out here because other committees are not doing their work. You have to totally rewrite bills, you