

suggestion to Senator Matzke, Senator Bromm and Senator Chambers. And, Senator Bromm, I don't know if you're...Curt, if you can just take a minute, I'm not asking a question but if you can just...one of the things that I'm concerned about is that I don't know whether Senator Matzke is going to go for cloture or not. I know he's had about an hour or so before he could make that motion today. I know we have two or three potential amendments, not potential, they're amendments that Senator Chambers has, whether he would bring those up, each of them, I do not know. One of the things I do suggest...think though, is there is general agreement with Senator Chambers, Senator Matzke, you, myself and others on that amendment that you're talking about, that we were talking about that strikes that language within the bill. And if I might encourage both you, Senator Matzke and Senator Chambers, to get together, maybe there is a possibility of a substitution of that amendment for one of Senator Chambers' amendment, his amendment that substituted would drop to the bottom so it would still be there but we...if we do go to cloture, I would like to see that language stricken at least if we get to that point. So if I could suggest maybe that the three of you might be able to...if you can get an agreement on that, that would be very helpful. I don't, again, I will not be voting for cloture and I don't know if cloture would pass or not. I assume if Senator Matzke brings it to cloture is because he thinks he has the votes to do so. It's just a suggestion. As far as...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: ...the bill is concerned, or the amendment is concerned, I do support the amendment. I do think that it's an important issue that Senator Chambers brings. We can't always pick and choose what issues will be before us on the Legislature. And, in fact, there are public hearings that take place but there are also public hearings that take place on General File and Select File, and that public hearing is when the people of Nebraska have their representatives actually hear the different ideas and make decisions. And I think it is an important issue. I agree with Senator Wesely it's an important point. Where I disagree is we have an opportunity to make that decision here and I don't see if it comes out of a committee or not where that process would be any different. We see the issue before us. If we think it's a reasonable issue, we agree to it or don't agree to it. I do not believe that if this amendment were agreed to that it would substantially harm the bill. I