

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, if, as the discussion goes on, I see the need to amend my amendment then I will do that. I cannot pin myself down at this moment.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: That's...that's what I wanted to...that's what I wanted to hear. Well, that's what I needed to hear, Senator Chambers, not necessarily wanted to hear. Senator Jones, and I guess I'm not asking a question so you don't need to respond, but my understanding is that at some point you're going to offer a resolution and the resolution will be discussing the takings process and then you also want that this bill will remain where it's at on Select File. So if the agencies don't do a better job on the takings, you have a bill on Select File, senator priority bill that would be here ready to go if we did not see improvement on the takings situation. Is that correct? And he's nodding his head, yes, that's correct. Members of the body, and I guess I'm addressing somewhat to Senator Jones, I do not see where we will get off of this amendment, Jim. I mean, this amendment will, at some point, be amended by Senator Chambers, and so if we're trying to spend some time to get a few of the amendments off so there are fewer amendments next year, it's not going to happen. And even if, for some reason, this amendment was defeated, which I assume it would be, there would be other's amendments filed and even if all the amendments went away and the bill was clean, next year when the bill comes up there will be the same discussion and different amendments will be filed. So I guess what I'm trying to do is we need in our budget crunch or not our budget crunch but in our crunch in regards to bills on time, if a bill...if we made the decision that a bill is going to stay and we're going to go resolution, I don't know if we really need to take more of the body's time when we're not going to gain a strategic advantage next year. And so I would encourage Senator Jones and those others that if, in fact, they're going to do the resolution and then either bracket or IP...friendly IPP, delay it over till next year, I would hope that that would happen within the next ten or fifteen minutes so that some of the other bills can be talked about, because certainly in the afternoon we're not going to have that chance as we go to the budget discussion. So I say that trying to expedite the process because I really don't see any strategic advantage, Jim, of going much longer on the amendments if, indeed, there were any that could be gained by talking too long on the bill that's going to be laid over till next year.