

other methods that can be used. I'm simply attempting to eliminate one of those methods of marking and knowing myself that I would prefer if somebody wanted to know who I was....

(SINGING IN BACKGROUND)

SENATOR PREISTER: Is there a choir somewhere?

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: The angels are singing.

SENATOR PREISTER: The angels are saying have mercy on the birds, vote for this amendment, and I don't profess to interpret all that the angels say, but this time I will take 'license. Thank you.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: You've heard the opening on the amendment to the amendment offered by Senator Preister. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I'd like to ask Senator Avery a couple of questions on this process, if I may. Senator Avery,...

SENATOR AVERY: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ..at what point in the bird's life when they're reared in this manner is the toe clipped? When...at what point would this operation be undertaken, if you know?

SENATOR AVERY: I...I don't know for sure. I, you know, I've been involved in raising birds. I never use this practice. There's situations in the ones that I have raised where in cold weather for some reason they wanted to stand and the ends of the...they get froze and, you know, they lose maybe the end of their toe, so I don't know if we have... we potentially have a problem here in how to distinguish and enforce something like this at the present time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Oh, so you're not... you are not opposed to what Senator Preister's amendment would recommend?

SENATOR AVERY: I think right now I'm going to have to oppose it because of several other circumstances right now and not knowing.