

not like we're throwing this money away. As far as Senator Chambers mentioned, you know, as far as the Governor's bill, I did introduce this at the request of the Governor. I feel I spent enough time with this, with you all here, and not only on the floor but off the floor. Senator Chambers helped me make it a good bill, he really did, and I appreciate that. Other people were invited to settle some of these things off the floor, some of their differences. Some of them chose not to come, Senator Bernard-Stevens happened to be one of those. So he would rather...he would rather argue it on the floor, and that's fine with me. But I thought that we save a lot of valuable time by trying to get some of the differences settled off the floor and then bring them out on the floor, no secrets, I don't believe in secrets. So, I guess, what I'd like to say is we spent this much time on this bill and I don't feel like it is the Governor's bill anymore, I think it's a good bill, I wouldn't have taken it to start with. And it's a better bill now. And as far as I'm concerned, it's our bill. So at that, thank you.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Senator Engel. Senator Chambers, your light is next.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, not to deflate Senator Engel's balloon, but, Senator Engel, you couldn't frighten as many people off that last vote as were frightened off, the Governor did that. He called them over there and he put the whip to them and he said, you better not do it. And that's what he did, that's exactly what he did. So it is the Governor's bill. And what I was going to say, before my time ran out, I'm following the Governor's lead. He knows you all better than I know you. Some of you are members of his party, and he understands you. Association, they say, leads to assimilation, whatever that means, but it's not always the case, but at least it gives a person an insight into the workings of the minds of the individuals with whom he or she is associating. So when the Governor tells you all, and I'm excluding myself from this, you're irresponsible, you're throwing this money away, and I'm going to treat you like little children who have misbehaved, and I'm going to spank your little haunches with my veto pen, and they all squeak like mice. They're irritated with the Governor and they're upset, but they accept what he said. They behave in a way to show that his characterization was correct. So I have to give the Governor an A for understanding the kind of people that he deals with in this Legislature. But sometimes when a person gets a large vote, as he did when he was