

about that a little bit later.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Madam President, Senator Bernard-Stevens would move to adjourn until 8:15 Tuesday morning, May 23.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: The motion before you is a motion...Senator Withem.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Yes, the Speaker is allowed to speak once on a motion to adjournment. I am going to do that. My recommendation to the body, even though I don't want to come in at 8:15 in the morning as opposed to 8:30, I would point out that absolutely nothing positive is happening at this moment. I've seen this before where the body gets locked into two different positions and one side is going to force the other one to give up and then neither side does. We are in a position where we probably have transacted the last meaningful piece of business that we are for today. It's obvious we have to move on this bill. We're not going to do it tonight. The rules give the Speaker the privilege to speak to a motion to adjourn. I assume it's for purposes such as this where the Speaker feels that it is overwhelmingly in the best interests of the body just to quit doing what we're doing, allow tempers to cool a little bit and come back and deal with this at a later date. Having said that, I'm sure I'll...there will be one vote for the motion and 40 against probably, but I would recommend very strongly to the body that we vote in favor of this.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Withem. Mr. Clerk, any items for the record?

CLERK: I have nothing to read in at this time, Madam President.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Question before the body is the motion to adjourn. All those in favor say aye. All those opposed nay. We are adjourned.

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