

amendment. And so, you know, I...it's also a reaction to one of your requests, Senator Chambers, and trying to work with you on this and I think that that debate, because I said on the floor that I had always supported the inclusion of a rural county, I think that's a very important part of what we're doing and something we need to discuss, and, therefore, I think we should have it at the beginning of the debate. With 40 amendments filed, there's much of this that we would never be able to get to. Some people would prefer to have that happen. Those of us who want to make sure that when we pass this that we've had a debate and a discussion and given you all an opportunity to hear the important issues included would be the reason to go ahead with the motion to substitute. Thank you.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Senator Bohlke. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, Senator Beutler basically stated it and Senator Bohlke indirectly, what they want to do is get into the bill what they choose, then regardless of what these other motions are, regardless of what the amendments deal with, they can invoke cloture and those items will not be discussed. The way to compel them to discuss all of these amendments and maybe not all of them will actually remain on the desk for consideration, but even if they do, the way to avoid them being in a position to invoke cloture, as they did on General File without substantive amendments being discussed, is to not let them jump this ahead. Now Senator Bromm and I were objecting to the way certain bills were going to be moved ahead of other priority bills on the agenda and that was not done and the bills were gotten to in the ordinary course of our considerations. By analogy, the same thing is being attempted here. A situation where amendments which were not to be dealt with on General File, because those who supported the bill wanted cloture, are now to be put above everybody else's amendment. Even though Senator Bohlke's name is on this bill, it doesn't belong to her. This is the Governor's bill. It's a highly political bill. And Senator Bohlke is right about my wanting some rural counties included in this so-called experiment, but you still have a situation where ninety something percent of the black people who are involved with assistance are a part of that group; ninety something percent, to me, that is a racial and a discriminatory impact. If several rural counties were put in or if Lancaster County and Sarpy County, and some of these other little rural counties were