

report, and all of those have to do with the Legislature and our telephone records. And not being satisfied with 579 passing, last year or the year before, whenever that passed, he is now seeking to come back and shut down all of our working papers so that they will never have an opportunity to look at those working papers in the Legislature. But with this bill, not only is he shutting down those working papers and access to those working papers to the Legislature, but he is shutting down access to those working papers to the entire state government and I think that's much too broadly written and very unaccountable to the public, and I will not support it. And I'm simply trying to get this bill into shape for...obviously it has the support to pass...

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: One minute.

SENATOR WITEK: ...so that it will not shut down all those areas of government and that public access that we have now, that we already have now. So I hope that people will support this amendment that will narrow it to the Legislature, the Legislative Council, the Exec Board and members of the Legislature. Thank you.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Senator Witek. Senator Will.

SENATOR WILL: (inaudible) Senator Hall.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Mr. President and members. Again, I rise in opposition to the amendment. The...although I understand the concern that Senator Witek has, I believe it's unwarranted. And the proposal is one that I think all sides have agreed to, exclusive of Senator Witek and some others who have concerns that somehow this is going to possibly expand the scope of the public records law. I would just ask you to look at Section 6 of the bill which is found on page 7, 8, 9 and closes on page 10, and it lists 13 different sections, subsections of Section 6. And that is the section of the statutes that deals with the records that are not public. And it reads, it says, this is 84-712.05, and it says, the following records, unless publicly disclosed in open court, open administrative proceeding or open meeting or disclosed by a public entity pursuant to its duties, may be withheld from the