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brought them up again. So if he vetoes them and there is nothing we can do about it, I would wish that we had stayed as a Legislature, but I would then just have to come back and do it next year because he was the culprit. But I'm going to support the way the Speaker has laid it out in this instance.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Bernard-Stevens, your light is next.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Senator Hall and members of the Legislature. The Legislature, when I first came into the Legislature, almost eight years ago, I commented at the time that I was really proud to be in the body, and I am very, very proud, continue to be proud to be in the body, not only because of the members, but because of the system, the system of democracy. And we have in this process a very open, adversarial system. I mean we dirty...we put our dirty laundry right out there for everyone to see, we even have it on cable for most of the people in the state to look at. And we fight, sometimes we yell, sometimes we get mad, sometimes we throw little temper tantrums, sometimes we're nice, but we do it all in the open. And democracy, if you go back and look at the process, one of the reasons that so many countries don't do it well is because it's such an ugly process, it's the most difficult process in the world to do, because when you lose you have to go with the will of the majority. And a lot of countries don't want to do it that way. My point that I'm talking about is if you look at the whole process of how difficult it is that you and I, all of us, have to be in here and we work hard to find...make the process work, and if you notice we may not like the individual things within the process, but the process does work. It may take a lot of time but it works. It's one of the best processes the world has seen as far as handling political difficulties. My point on talking about that is that when we work so hard to make a process work, I think it's important for the Legislature to take its rightful step and be back at the end to make the final decision as best we can. We will get the criticism no matter what we do. So when we get the criticism, some of it justified, a lot of it's not, when we get the criticism I think the Legislature needs to do what it should have done in the beginning, and that is come back at the final point, make the final decisions, we bear the responsibility, we bear the burdens, we complete all of the hard work that we've done. And I can go back in my time period, and I know probably...I'm sure this Governor hasn't done it, but Governors in the past, when