

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay, and one function that this is serving, unless the job has been done on this package, is to show the rationale for including the items that have been put in. This one, again, should not be that difficult for anybody to support, but I think the discussion is necessary and I think some of these items should be in the record, and some of the concerns that I had have been addressed by comments from Senators Brown and Brashear. But what I think ought to be done whenever we talk about a package such as this, whether it's to override vetoes or present...

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Time. Senator Chambers, your light is next.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature, whether it's to override vetoes or to deal with the complex many faceted comprehensive piece of legislation, it is better to be able to discuss discreet portions of it so that there can be a focus on what is said instead of it being that scatter gun, jumping from here to there and everywhere without there being a full discussion of each item and a justification for why it is there. What some of the members in this body don't realize when they talk about something being political is that there is more to the world than what is in this Chamber or this building and there are those outside this Chamber who are going to look at what we do in terms of adopting a package to override vetoes if there is not sufficient rationale and justification given for each one of those items, and I want that rationale to be there. In the past this kind of discussion has not occurred. I think the Legislature as a body, as a branch of government, needs to become far more circumspect in looking out for its own interests and showing why it does what it does instead of being everybody's pummeling toy. I was shocked at the dozens of bills that I read that the Governor had introduced. I wasn't aware that he had offered as many bills as he did and he feels it's his job based on what he was reported as saying to initiate legislative programs. He feels that he should take over the Legislature and if the Legislature allows him, then that is to be done. Power is what politicians want and when they have filled out the perimeters of the area in which they operate, then like water they're going to seek an outlet and they will move to the area which is lower than themselves. When they say water seeks its level, that means it doesn't run uphill. If it's allowed to escape that which