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you will not have the sharing that has got to take place. The concern I have with the pace that we're doing on 1044 is this is an issue that just recently, I think, came to a decision to pull this, in fact it was yesterday that decision was made. We're hurrying so fast that even those that have worked all summer to get this proposal before us were not necessarily comfortable with the wording and they can't come up with wording that will work. Even if they put intent language on what we're trying to do. The best thing they can do is say, in a nice quite voice, as Senator Wesely, I think this is good, confidentiality is a real problem, and we need to share information, we will do so, we're going to have an interim study, and I just think all of that will work fine.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: It doesn't work fine. It is a problem. And I want the body to understand that by agreeing with the amendment, and again, I probably won't vote for the amendment because I think there's a better amendment that can be drafted by the great minds behind the glass. But it's a copout, it's a cheap way out to say we don't want to work with it now, we don't have time to work with it now, we can't come up with the language, let's do an interim study on an issue that's very, very crucial to the success of this partnership. And, Senator Dierks, that's no affront to you because I know the issue needs to be out there because something does have to change on the green copy, you're absolutely correct, absolutely correct. But not, in my judgement, in this way. Mark my words, when the interim study comes back, we'll be back to the same arguments of confidentiality and we're going to have the difficulty of getting things through so that information can be shared. I think this is one where the minds back there that have put the issue before us...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Time.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: ...should be able to work to find some language that would be more comfortable to pursue the goals of the sharing of information.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Bernard-Stevens. Senator Withem.