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that were pushing 1044 out behind the glass indicated to me that they felt this language was correct. In fact, this language was given to me by those in support of 1044. This is not my language. It's the language they gave to me, and, unfortunately, we got into a position where they would have gone with the language with no problem but a senator had it to give the total approval and that senator said no, and, therefore, they said, well, if that one senator of 49 says no, we're not going to support...we're not going to push the amendment. So I did anyway. So that's the nature of the amendment. I would hope that the body would adopt the amendment if you are really serious about 1044.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Time.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: On the other hand, if you are not enthused about 1044, you'll probably want to vote no.

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

SENATOR ABOUD: Madam President, fellow members, I rise also in support of this amendment. I think if the goal of this particular bill is to provide for a uniform system of providing services to our Nebraskans, obviously, they have to work together, and the only way they are going to be able to work together is by the adoption of this type of amendment. So I'm going to be supporting the Bernard-Stevens' amendment. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Abboud. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President and members of the Legislature, I'd like to ask Senator Bernard-Stevenson...Stevens a couple of questions.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: I was hoping it wasn't my son that you were going to ask the question to. But he could probably answer better than I, however.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, actually, I was thinking about Robert Louis Stevenson, who as you know, wrote Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde,