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intent to, in any way, to allow...I'm...I certainly would like to see the bill...I'd like to see the bill killed, but I'm willing to allow you to come to a vote...

SENATOR BOHLKE: All right.

SENATOR ABOUD: ...here today and that my intent is not to slow down the bill but simply to address one of my concerns that I have with the bill at this time and I was wondering if you'd allow me to do that at this time today.

SENATOR BOHLKE: And, Senator Abboud, I'll talk to you in just one minute. I want to clear up one other clarification and I would then be open to do that, but I want to have one other clarification with you off to the...off to the side.

SENATOR ABOUD: Off the mike?

SENATOR BOHLKE: Right.

SENATOR ABOUD: Okay. Thank you.

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

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Madam President, members of the body. I don't think...well, Senator Abboud I think mischaracterized a little...to a little bit because I know Senator Wickersham certainly has had the amendments he's tried to do, other amendments have been there, but even the amendments that the sponsors have offered have allowed debate to take place on the bill. Similar to yesterday on the property tax measure, there were measures that we put forward, that I put forward certainly and others put forward, knowing that they wouldn't pass but both sides got a chance to discuss the bill and, as we always do on amendments, we have a tendency to drift away from the amendment discussion directly and end up talking about the concepts in the bill. So I don't think the matter of whether...who offered the most amendments is pertinent at this point, but whether or not we look at the record, and there was a good discussion from all sides on the issue and I believe that has taken place, even though I know that on all discussions of this nature there will be those that come down on opposite sides. One concern I have with Senator Abboud's amendment, as I