

since the. and I'll have to see if I can collect myself here in a minute. What...a combination of all of those things, we're going to stay on this a long time and I don't care if it's just me. And, Senator Chambers, I have to...I...

SPEAKER WITHEM: Raise the call, please.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: ...I do have a lot of admiration for you, as you know, but I did have to chuckle on your comments on the bill. Let them go ahead. You've got to vote, Senator Cudaback. Just let them go ahead and do it. And I appreciated that in its...in the humor that...I know he was correct in what he was saying, but the humor of it I very much enjoyed because, Senator Cudaback, I know you don't get involved in the gamesmanship, per se, but we all know, or maybe you don't know, that there's another bill that Senator Chambers really doesn't want and he's going to spend the full 25 minutes on that one so the bill would be taken off. I mean Senator Chambers is saying, yes, I'm going to. So at the same time Senator Chambers is telling the majority hang tough, don't compromise, don't give in, we don't care how reasonable or...the amendment may be, he's going to then be on the opposite of that saying, I don't care how much of you want to support 1118, I don't care how reasonable it is, I'm going to stop it. The advantage he has is he only has to go 25 minutes, you know. My difficulty at this point is that I've got to go a few hours and I'm going to do so. I'll tell you what is really bothering me on this whole thing and I'll be honest, Senator Cudaback, that the timing of it probably is not...couldn't have been worse, as far as I was concerned, and it's totally out of your control, but things just happen. The property tax debate that we had last night and the other couple times has really discouraged me big time. Not because amendments have not been agreed to or that some amendments have. That is not important. That's the process. In fact, most of the amendments that were offered were offered, if you remember, so we could have discussion on the issue so that at least there was a record on...that when people went back and asked why they'd be able to have that. But you know what, if I and other people wouldn't have offered the amendments on 1141 and 1085 and I think, what was the other one, 1290, if I wouldn't...if I wouldn't have done that and others, you, the body, would have voted one of the major changes in the history, really, of the state as far as how we do things and you wouldn't have even talked about one damn part of it that made a major