

not in the Chamber. I would hope that she might respond at some particular point. My point is the following, Senator Bromm, if you're listening at this point, if we agree with your amendment to '93, it's not going to make any difference. If we agree to bracket it until 1993, which is this year, the question I would have to ask you and Senator Abboud and others is, if we bracket it to that point, are we going to bring it to a vote this year? And, if not, we might as well have done what Senator Withem had done, and bracket it until the next year, because that's what's going to happen, we end up right where we are this year, we have the Witek amendments as divided, and we go on ad nauseam on this issue, on these points, that's the political reality whether we like it or not. What our choice here in the body is, is not what we'd like,...

SENATOR HALL: One minute.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: ...but what is available to us. Our choices is or are, are we going to debate this or talk about it until four forty-three this afternoon and then the inevitable will happen if the majority has its say. Or we could move right now. Senator Witek has stated she will never be convinced, so I assume that option is out. So we'll sit here until four forty-three, until that happens. Personally, I think that is not a good democratic process. Personally, I do think that when you have a situation preventing...presented before you, that you could allow good legislation that's laid around to move, or we can spin our wheels. There comes a time where the majority of senators go to the majority of the people and say we're not willing to hold everything beyond...for three hours for some personal thing that we know is not going to happen. We do have responsibilities to the people of the state. We do have responsibilities to other pieces of legislation, and we have to know when to hold them, and we have to know when to fold them, or we have to know...

SENATOR HALL: Time.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: ...when to take it and run. And we need to take it and run at this point.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Senator Bernard-Stevens. Senator Ashford, followed by Senator Withem, Witek, Pedersen, Chambers, Bromm and Abboud. Senator Ashford.