

SENATOR CROSBY: I just always like to know who "they" are.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Right. And then I also checked with the parochial school people, checked with the Department of Education...

SENATOR CROSBY: Okay, very good.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: ...checked with Senator Baack and so on who introduced the bill.

SENATOR CROSBY: That's my answer. Thank you. That was my answer. Thank you, Senator Bernard-Stevens.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Crosby. Senator Moore.

SENATOR MOORE: Madam President and members, I have just two things to point out on Senator Withem's return lecture to me. And I understand it's one of the things that's difficult. I mean if you've got a noncontroversial amendment, why shouldn't it go on? And obviously the one thing Senator Withem left out that his amendment on LB 839 is not just an in lieu of tax amendment. That was the reason he gave why you ought to agree to it, but as he is well aware, there's a much more controversial component to that that has nothing to do with the \$20 million he spoke of. And that particular one is the reason why I'm concerned about this. And secondly, Senator Withem's comment why the bills came in late I don't remember if Senator Withem was present or not in February when there was a meeting of the committee chairmen and I asked the question, I mean we could introduce a bunch of bills early because when we introduce them late, we get beat over the head if we introduce them late. And as I recall, at least it was fairly unanimous of the committee chairmen in the room instead of introducing bills in February that may or may not be part of the package you ought to wait until the end. And my concern was right then, well, when you introduce them late then you get criticized for introducing them late. And so that was the reason why the bills came in late. Now as I said before, and I'm only simply going to stand up and give my opinion as to in the future if you allow these bills to become vehicles for controversial things, and I don't mean Senator Bernard-Stevens' amendment by controversial items, I don't mean the \$20 million in lieu of tax amendment by controversial items, I think we all know that. But if you're going to use these bills as vehicles, my concern is there