

certainly may be a hesitancy in the future to open up areas of statute and then you find other ways to get around doing it but that's how I feel and I have no problem stating my opposition on the floor.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Moore. Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you and I appreciate the salvos for LB 839 battles to come beginning to fall in my direction. And I appreciate the argument, Senator Moore, chairman of the Appropriations Committee, wants to keep bills clean. I also appreciate Senator Withem's, I appreciate everyone today at this particular point. The bottom line is Senator Moore is, as chair of the committee, and this is not the first time or the last time Senator Moore and I will disagree on an issue. Senator Moore is procedurally trying to keep bills on the appropriation as clean as possible so as not to overweight those bills so that they would not pass, and I respect that. I suspect that I or others in the body would be doing the same if we were chairman of the committee. The bottom line is Senator Moore is more concerned I think about LB 839 and the amendments coming onto 839 so he began to take the position here. Yesterday we made amendments. This one is noncontroversial. This one will not weigh LB 838 down. We can agree with this amendment. LB 838 is not in jeopardizing of being...of passing, and we can then move onto LB 839 and fight that battle when that battle arises. I will make one point of difference with my distinguished chairman of the Appropriations Committee who I have tremendous respect for. There is no guarantee that LB 348 will be gotten to. We understood yesterday where a bill was going to be pretty quick, actually took us five hours. I suspect we have until about Thursday, seven or eight o'clock at the latest which is tomorrow we could have any bill to amend. There are a lot of major bills in front of LB 348. I am not certain we're going to get there. This is one that's a small noncontroversial amendment that will help some families with children in education and I urge the adoption or that you approve the motion to return the bill for that amendment.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Bernard-Stevens. Senator Wickersham.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Thank you, Madam President. I want to rise briefly because the stage is being set a little bit for the