

chair, to look at these things, even though sometimes we do have the ability to look ahead, it could be a dangerous precedent down the road in terms of moving things along. I know from time to time folks are off the floor, they don't get back, even when we read bills, sometimes, to cast their votes. With a stepped up, with a quicker process it could be much more difficult and maybe one of the other things to look at would be a requirement that folks are actually in their chairs. But I think that has to be closely examined. But even with that I am going to oppose the advancement of LR 15CA. I think the deliberation of Final Reading, I think the fact that it does frankly take up the last two days of the session is a good aspect. It slows us down, which is frankly what we need at the end of a session, whether it be a sixty or ninety day session. And I think that even though it happens to be, I guess, something that is an accidental part of the process, it is a very, I think, helpful and beneficial part of the process when we come to this time of the session. I think the deliberateness of it is good for the body as an institution, and I think ultimately it's good for the state in terms of what we pass into law. With that, those are my reasons on why I'm going to vote for the Kristensen amendment first, because I think it's a cleaner version, and then oppose the advancement to Final Reading. Thank you.

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

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Madam President, members of the body. I'll speak just briefly. I also will be supporting the Kristensen amendment, but after thinking through Final Reading today I've come to the conclusion that I will not be supporting the advancement of LR 15. And again, it really took...as I was in the classroom for the...over the summer and over the...when school is in session and I go, we talk about the procedure and we talk about Final Reading, and I kind of laugh about it in a way, how silly it must look. But this particular year, and I don't know why, but I was looking at Final Reading, and I had so many different things in the file that I had to look at, maybe it's because the issues were more complicated, maybe it's because I had more input. But I did take the time this year to really think about Final Reading. And I, too, agree with...agree with Senator Hall that I like the time. And a lot of times I didn't sit and actually make a decision on the bill we were looking at, because I'd already decided that, it