

alternative, I'm not going to go for the body in terms of going out and soliciting votes, but if I can find such a thing would you agree to that, and he said, yes. At that point, I believe when I finished it I went back looking for the Governor. I did not find the Governor. He was at some engagement in Omaha and I have not heard from him since and so that's where it was left. I'm at the point where, like I say, I'm a bit befuddled by the fact that...and in the context what Senator Wesely said, I'm to the understanding that he would sign this particular proposal versus what we had in front of us on Final Reading which we no longer have in front of Final Reading because we've now adopted the Withem plan.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Senator Conway. With that, I guess I have a couple comments. There are not many issues that, in my mind, become as partisan openly as this one has and, quite honestly, it's relatively sickening. To see a Governor who says we don't want to divide counties, we go ahead and make this strong, impassioned plea, and yet he basically cuts a deal with Senator Conway that divides a county right smack down the middle or close to Bloomfield as possible, Senator Hefner, right down the middle, and he says, fine. And, basically, what he's saying is that I'm a Democratic party leader here in the State of Nebraska, I've got a lot of Democrats in Gage County and I've got to do my thing. And I understand that politically. It disgusts me here on the floor. And other plans that we've had have done the same thing. I guess people asked me a long time ago what the Governor was like to work with and one of the comments I said was, I think it's going to depend upon how he reacts in crisis and tough situations, and I think I'm beginning to find out how this Governor reacts. And sometimes I have a feeling that maybe it was just the tax issue that changed his mind all the time. Now I'm beginning to feel that he really does change his mind all the time on anything that's major and controversial to say whatever is necessary...

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: ..to please whoever's with him at the time. Makes me a little discouraged. At least with Governor Orr, who I always got reamed out, I don't think she ever politely called me in to have a nice discussion in the office, at least with Governor Orr I knew where she stood. With Governor Nelson I get a nice smile, but I don't know where he stands anymore, and I guess that's part of the way the game is