

you looked at the language of the Montana bill?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay, and is it identical to the language in the green copy that we're being asked to pull from committee?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: If you would ask me, is it the same bill, yes, it's roughly the same bill. Is it exactly identical? It's not exactly identical but it...they are so close that I would say they're reasonably the same bill.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Whenever you put these modifying terms in, what he's saying is that we don't have the same bill. Even if something is substantially similar or very close to being like, that difference, whatever it is,...

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...could be a basis for another court ruling differently. However, we're not in a position where this is put before a court. All we're being asked to do is bring it before the Legislature. I have never taken the position that I will not vote to bring a bill out of committee. And unlike some of the members, I will look at the substance of the bill, the reason that it's being asked to be brought back, and I will consider those factors. This is a bill that I will vote to put on the floor. Based on what I have just heard this afternoon, I don't think it should be killed. And, from what I've heard others say who might oppose bringing it out, there's no desire to kill the bill. But if we don't vote to bring it out, the bill is dead. If, while it was alive, it served any purpose in moving Congress to do the right thing as far as these safety questions...

PRESIDENT MOUL: Time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...are concerned, our killing it will nullify that.

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

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Madam President, members of the body, Senator Chambers mentioned some of the things I was