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LB 145

I think when you come down to the basic issue of who this helps and the choices that you are allowing them to avoid, the choice between maintaining a job or taking care of family, it becomes real simple. And, again, I appreciate Senator Bernard-Stevens' attempt to do what he's trying to do but I believe in LB 145 so strongly that I will live and die on LB 145. It's important for the majority of the people in your district. It's important for the businesses in this state to again be made to understand some of the good things they can do to make happy, productive employees and save themselves...

PRESIDENT MOUL: Time.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: ...money in the long run. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Morrissey. Senator Hefner, followed by Senator Wesely, Warner and Moore. Senator Hefner.

SENATOR HEFNER: Madam President and members of the body, I rise to oppose this amendment. As I understand it, this would be a family leave for state employees. Senator Bernard-Stevens, would you yield to a question?

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Certainly, Senator.

SENATOR HEFNER: Senator Bernard-Stevens, did you ever introduce a bill to this effect?

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Absolutely, it was LB 31 last year.

SENATOR HEFNER: LB 31, last year.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Yeah, and basically the committee had a choice between that one or the 145 and they chose to come out with 145.

SENATOR HEFNER: Okay, so the committee killed the one for the state employees?

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: That is correct.

SENATOR HEFNER: Okay. Did you ever considering adding local government employees to this?

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: No.