

sit down and talk about whether we ought to dismantle the torture chamber. But in the meantime the chamber will continue in existence and continue to operate. If their amendment is adopted, you still have a set of circumstances where you have to make the woman wait 24 hours after this informed consent, which, based on LB 78's terms, would require her to be told about anatomical and physiological characteristics of a fetus. This amendment that is being offered by the two senators, whose names begin with "L", will not in any way mitigate the damage and harm that will come if LB 78 passes. It's not going to pass. But if I were to vote for that amendment, I would be voting for LB 78. The Bernard-Stevens amendment says to strike everything in LB 78, to vote for the "LL" amendment is to say no, don't strike what's in 78, keep it there, but we'll attach this little thing over here. That might be an appeasement gesture, but it doesn't change anything. The discussion thus far, I think, has been based on principle on an effort to try and change minds, even though that is virtually impossible, but it has put information into the record, which if anybody chooses to read will be very valuable. This amendment is not good. Not every change of position is a positive or good change. Certainly, it's nice to talk about things we agree on if the things that we're talking about are of substance and consequence. If we're going to agree that, well, Ernie used to use Alagous Syrup, and David used to use Kayro Syrup, so they will compromise and both use Log Cabin Syrup, it doesn't make any difference which kind of syrup we use. But if we are so desperate to say we agree on something, that we reduce it to that kind of a trivial situation, we are worse off than we thought because we are not even able to discuss our areas of disagreement in a mature, responsible manner. We need to continue to support the Bernard-Stevens amendment as offered. And if we lose on it, we lose fighting for the principle that we think has some value. If we give up and sacrifice everything that we've been talking in behalf of, thus far, we have not gained anything, we have capitulated, not compromised. Compromise is when both sides give up something. Legislative compromise, and I always give this example, Senator Hillman, is where you have six eggs, I have six eggs.

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: We negotiate until I have 12 eggs and you have no eggs. Then I say, you come back and let's negotiate some more. That's what this negotiation is, LB 78 remains intact and we get nothing. Senator Lindsay is not compromising