

this. I think it has to be clear for the record, and I've been consistent about that from the outset, if we had voted on the advancement of this bill at two o'clock this afternoon, I wouldn't have objected. I haven't put, and I think basically those that support the bill have not put us through this. Bernard-Stevens is pointing to the Lindsay amendment. Trying to just repair damage, Senator Bernard-Stevens. That the...I just want to make it clear that that is not what has happened. For the record, using a technique that Senator Chambers likes to use, for the record, I have voted for...to cease debate each time. I have not been one waiting in the wings saying let's carry this on awhile. I think most of those supporting the bill have voted to cease debate. We have no intention of prolonging the debate. We are realists. We understand a motion for cloture is not in order for eight hours so we can calmly sit and wait and I did get a chance to read part of the Lincoln Journal while we were going on where Senator Chambers vowed that he could make up the eight hours. Frankly, I didn't need to read that in the paper to know that he could. But as I mentioned, I guess that's the...the only thing that has irked me today has been the indication that somehow LB 78 or Lindsay or Labeledz or any of the other supporters are tying up this session, are tying up the Chamber's time. That's simply not the case. First of all, heaven forbid that we deal with difficult issues. That's not the purpose of this Legislature. We shouldn't be talking about things that might be divisive, shouldn't be talking about things that might be close votes or that might affect people in a manner that we don't want them to. Of course, if we did that, there's no reason to be down here at all. That's our purpose down here. We come down here to make difficult decisions. Number two, and probably the most important, is that we could have prevented using this afternoon and evening discussing LB 78 because it probably would have been appropriate as, once I heard the threat from Senator Bernard-Stevens and Senator Chambers, Senator Landis, et al, of a filibuster, the appropriate thing would be to say, oh, okay, we just won't schedule the bill, because that's how we should react when those types of things are said, and that keeps us from handling some issues that might be tough. Because Senator Schmit would have made the...did make the same threat and the appropriate thing would have been at that time for Senator Warner not to schedule his bill, LB 1063. And I think there's an Ak-Sar-Ben bill that we spent, if I remember, a couple of days on, and it would have been appropriate when Senator Will realized, hey, this debate's going to go on, I better not schedule that one. I guess the point is,