

if nothing else, it's important that the bill be scheduled just simply because we cannot back down from running a bill that we do believe strongly, and I do believe strongly in it, because it's going to inconvenience people because they may have to sit and listen to a long debate. Once we establish that precedent, there's a lot of bills that go down in flames because of scare tactics. I'm still not convinced. I've done vote counts. I'm...if I were a betting man, I wouldn't be betting on cloture, but I'm not convinced it's out of reach so when we get to the vote, we'll see...

SENATOR WARNER: One minute.

SENATOR LINDSAY: ..we'll see where the votes lie. But the main thing is we're not extending debate. I'd be happy to vote on the bill now. I would offer that to Senator Chambers now if he'd withdraw his amendments, I'll withdraw this one. Senator Bernard-Stevens can withdraw his. Let's just vote up or down on the bill and then, as Senator Bernard-Stevens said, we can go home.

SENATOR WARNER: Senator Nelson.

SENATOR NELSON: Mr. Speaker, I'm getting just as tired of this as Senator Lindsay is. I do have to ask a question of you, Senator Lindsay. Will you respond?

SENATOR WARNER: Senator Lindsay, do you yield?

SENATOR NELSON: I tried...have tried to be patient and I've listened to this in Judiciary and I have a few years down here on the legislative floor. Did you honestly believe, in your own mind, that this bill would actually pass or that it would not tie up the Legislature for eight hours and that there would not be a number of other very important legislation? Did...were you...you are very intelligent and I cannot believe that you could be so naive to think that this would not happen.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Senator Nelson. Senator Nelson, that...

SENATOR NELSON: I have to ask you straight out.

SENATOR LINDSAY: And I have to answer you with this, a motion on my desk that I drafted two days ago that would have limited...suspended the rules, sidetracked everything, limited