

100 percent and the over 1 percent for the big five. It gives you the option, as a Legislature, to decide where you want to come down on this. As I said earlier, I think you have spoken that you do not want to go the full 11.2. But the amendment that will be offered here gives us the flexibility, as a body, to say where do you want to go from here, and it does not lock us into only funding the big five and excluding everybody else. So if you wanted to take care of the big five and the next group of small subdivisions, you adopt ours and it probably would take a little bit over 5 million to take care of both the small subdivisions, at 100 percent, and the big five at over 1 percent. That is our rationale for offering that, is to assure that they are, in fact, covered. I think the main value of this amendment is that it allows us flexibility as a body. I would urge the adoption of the amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Rod Johnson, discussion on the Scofield-Bernard-Stevens amendment.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Speaker Barrett, members of the Legislature, I have just a very brief question to...I assume Senator Scofield would be the proper person to ask this. Senator Scofield. I'd like to ask her a question.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Scofield, please.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Senator Scofield, since we are working with a 4.2 figure relative to your amendment and to Senator Lamb's amendment, I guess I'm wondering is that the basic figure that we're working with, both from the administration and this Legislature, since there seems to me no difference in the mechanics of either of the two amendments as you go down through Section 2 through 5. So is it settled upon...I mean have we settled upon this 4.2 as the figure that we're going to fund and exclude anything else?

SENATOR SCOFIELD: No, we have not, Senator Johnson. There have been some discussions on where we might want to come down on that. I think it's been clear, from the descriptions here, that if you only do the 4.2 then that does not enable us to do the over 1 percent for the big five and also do the 100 percent of the smaller entities. It would be necessary to get up very close to 6 million to do both. I would hope that we would be able to cover that amount, at least. But it's clear to me, given the response of the body, that we're not going to go much