

SENATOR HABERMAN: Were you in the...yes, were you in the body when...

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: I came on board right after you voted to spend that money.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Well, it seems to me ..(laughter)...it seems to me we voted to spend \$300,000 for the study, and then we didn't do what the study said. Now Senator Bernard-Stevens is standing up here on the floor and he's saying, here's a 10,000 dollar study, you can find out everything you know. Well, we spent three times, 30 times as much as this and we don't do it. So I won't put any...I oppose the amendment in case you've, Senator Bernard-Stevens, in case you haven't got the feeling. And Senator Jones up here is an expert. Bernard-Stevens says, whatever Jones...Senator Jones says, that's fine with me. Senator Hall says, whatever Senator Jones says is fine with me. He's not a pivot irrigator, he's a flood irrigator, so he doesn't know anything about pivots, he's a flood. So I just wanted to throw...show the record that Senator Jones is not the expert at what he says he is. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Haberman. Senator Vrtiska, on the Bernard-Stevens amendment.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Yes, I'd like to ask Senator Bernard-Stevens a couple questions, if he'd yield, please.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Bernard-Stevens, would you respond, please.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Senator, I was just curious why you didn't introduce LB 79 with the committee amendments, as it was amended, instead of making this...all these changes? We're spending a lot of time trying to get it back to where it was. Why didn't you put the bill in or the amen...or the bill in...the amendment in the way it was originally written?

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Because the amendment that was agreed to by the committee screwed up the bill, and I didn't want to introduce that portion of it.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Do you want to explain to me how it screwed up the bill?