

for a roll call vote by Senator Bernard-Stevens. Senator Bromm, we are unable to find Senator Pirsch and she is the only Senator who is not available. Do you wish to proceed? She just walked in.

SENATOR BROMM: Have her be here then. Thank you. (Laughter)

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Now we will go ahead with the vote. The question before the body is the adoption of the first section of the Bromm amendment to the McKenzie amendment to LB 742. Mr. Clerk, please proceed.

CLERK: (Roll call vote taken. See pages 2430-31 of the Legislative Journal.) 28 ayes, 7 nays on the adoption of the first portion of the Bromm-Bohlke amendment, Madam President.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: The first portion of the amendment is adopted. I raise the call.

CLERK: Madam President, priority motion. Senator Bernard-Stevens would move to reconsider the vote just taken.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Chair recognizes Senator Bernard-Stevens to open on his motion.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Mr...Madam President, members of the body. I wish I could explain the emotions that I'm going through right now. It really doesn't have as much to do with the issue as the...as probably what I'm about to do, because I've experienced it before at one time. Probably affected my career to a degree where I haven't been very successful being...in my bids to be in the leadership and I understand that and I probably understand more than anyone, with the exception of Senator Chambers, what it's like to do what I'm about ready to do, not ready to do, what I'm going to do, because you build resentment, you build frustration. People get angry and certainly people have a tendency to get back and I know how that goes. But I can't, for the sake of just money, allow this to go in this fashion. I'm willing to reach some type of middle ground, but I can't go in this direction. I just can't. I had some special ed kids here from Brady and one of them, almost with tears in his eyes, looked at me and says, you're not going to cut our funding, are you? And I had to explain to him, no, no, no, the Legislature's not going to do that, you're going to receive all that...all that you deserve.