

SENATOR SCOFIELD: I don't envision that happening, Senator Bernard-Stevens. And I think we simply have to be...to take the stance that we're going to use other sources of funding, once we decide what's even feasible to be done here. I don't think that language is necessary, and at the time...should the state pursue this activity and decide that it's feasible and come up with a feasible funding mechanism, then I think it's appropriate to add into the appropriations bill that kind of language. But, for right now, I think it's better to make it clear that we don't have any intentions of going after these cash funds. I think there is plenty of demand for those, and I don't envision the day, right now at least, that that would be an option.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Any other discussion on the amendment? Any closing, Senator Scofield. Thank you. The question is the adoption of the Scofield amendment to the committee amendments to LB 1184. All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 18 ayes, 0 nays on the amendment to the amendment, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. The amendment to the amendments are adopted. Back to a discussion of the committee amendments. Anything further? Senator Baack, would you care to close? Senator Baack waives closing, and the question is the adoption of the committee amendments to 1184. Those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Please record.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays on adoption of committee amendments.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The committee amendments are adopted. Back to a discussion of the bill as amended. Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Does Sandy need to open?

SPEAKER BARRETT: I'm sorry. Senator Scofield, you did not open on the bill, my apologies.

SENATOR SCOFIELD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'll be happy to get this bill off the ground. (Laughter.) This bill is essentially a problem that is emerging in all rural states, addresses the