

foster parents coming together can be beneficial to each other and be supportive of each other. And that is something that they're thinking will be very favorable for them as a group.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Senator Smith, would you be...I'm on now page 1078 of your...of the Journal, or Section 15 of your amendment...of the bill or the amendment, 1078. While you're looking for that, on Section 15 it says, funds of the department may be used to defray the reasonable expenses. Would you be amenable to just a quick amendment that would say, funds of the department shall be used to defray reasonable expenses?

SENATOR SMITH: I have no problem with that. I don't know if the department has one or not, but I don't.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Well, when I get concerned is when the people say, well, we hope they'll be defrayed. And, of course, you and I both know that sometimes that may not happen. So now we're again mandating things, putting an extra burden on these people. I'd rather them, if we're going to say we're going to do the training, which they need, we should be willing to at least help them pay for that training.

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR SMITH: You want...could I...are you talking...I'll say yes, I would not be opposed to that. But could I just tell you one other thing that I think I forgot to mention earlier, and that is that LB 1036, which is Senator Crosby's bill dealing with the sale of lands, that money will be earmarked for this purpose. So we know that there will be \$100,000, I believe it was, that is going to go for this specific reason and purpose, to support this. So, for those that had a concern about where is the money going to come from, and how is it going to be funded, I didn't mention that earlier.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Okay, thank you, Senator Smith.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Smith, would you like to close on your amendment.

SENATOR SMITH: Do you want me to keep talking for a little bit? Okay, let's see. I'll summarize for you the benefits that foster parent children...or foster children would receive from the bill itself. And these are some of the things that we've