

PRESIDENT: It is withdrawn.

CLERK: All right, so, Senator, you want your amendment then? Okay. Mr. President, Senator Bernard-Stevens would move to amend the bill by adding one-half FTE to the Fiscal Policy Office in order to analyze the information provided by LB 431.

PRESIDENT: Senator Bernard-Stevens, please.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you. I guess, Mr. President, members of the body, Mr. President, I'm going to ask a question maybe of Senator Wesely. Did you get a chance to actually open on the bill as amended? And if you want to do that, I will allow you to do that at this time, to open on the bill as amended before we get into any amendments to that.

SENATOR WESELY: No, go ahead.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Okay. Members of the body, again, I just want to throw up some cautions or, oh, I don't know if cautions might be too strong a word, some concerns that I have about this particular piece of legislation that we have now before us. I guess whenever I feel we get the Lincoln Chamber and Senator Wesely and other people in agreement on something on 775, I'm already becoming suspicious that it probably won't do anything if everyone is happy with it. And I suspect there is a lot of truth to that at some point. The way I have it in my mind and, again, I apologize for taking time this morning on it, but when these things come up on the floor as an amendment, this is where we have to discuss it, at least at some point in the amendment process. The way I have it in mind from the discussion this morning is Senator Wesely is saying that the Department of Revenue does not want to give us particular information even though they could. They have chosen not to. On the other hand, I'm hearing that the Department of Revenue would, in fact, be willing to give us the information if we'd pass this particular law. And I guess they are saying, listen, if you require us to, we'd be more than happy to do so. And I guess I'd like to ask the question that no one apparently wants to ask is, what information is it that the Department of Revenue actually is saying that they don't want public? I'm not arguing that it shouldn't be made public, I'm just saying maybe there is some sensitive things that certain companies want to have that they're willing to tell the Department of Revenue that if it is