

me many years ago, he said, we'll take anything you can give us but remember that we have to know what you're going to do on some kind of a consistent basis, and the facts are that Senator Wesely is saying, and I believe others agree, that the Legislature ought to know and the public ought to have some idea of what the cost of these various incentive programs are. We do not really have the luxury of going back perhaps and changing some of those costs, but we ought to know what they are and maybe we can learn a little bit from history. It may well be that the benefits outweigh the cost and that I was wrong and others were right and I'm not going to belabor that point. What I do think is that as we do with the appropriations process on this floor, if you go to the Appropriations Committee and ask for a million dollars, you have to justify it and you have to come back and say this is what it costs the taxpayer. If we give a tax exemption, a tax exemption such as included under 775, there isn't any really visible cost to the taxpayer and so we do not know what the revenue impact might have been. We can only speculate. There may be a time, there may be a time when we say that was a good deal, we ought to do more of it and encourage additional activity in that line. If so, we have something to go on and the Legislature ought to have that, those numbers. I don't think Revenue is concerned about facts, they ought to have some basis upon which to function and they do so. Mr. President, I oppose the Bernard-Stevens amendment and support the Wesely amendment.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Lynch, please.

SENATOR LYNCH: Question.

PRESIDENT: Question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do, and the question is, shall debate cease? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. We're voting on ceasing debate. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 1 nay, Mr. President, to cease debate.

PRESIDENT: Debate has ceased. Senator Bernard-Stevens, would you like to close, please?

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Yes, thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. The amendment is not a complicated amendment. It is very, very simple. I'm always intrigued, you know, by Senator Hall, and it's well done. I mean, I understand why he