

is probably why this amendment is going to...

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: ...run into some difficulty at this particular stage. But again I want to reitify (sic) this amendment, this amendment does not jeopardize 425 at all. Even if the amendment is adopted, and I hope that it is, there would be a 425A that would be adopted with it, and as it got on Final Reading the body could pass 425, and if you decided not to pass 425A, that is fine. But the vote on 425 would come before this. So you could vote for the whole thing without any money whatsoever, which means it wouldn't be anything, I assume. And at some point we'd have to come in with a deficit appropriation of some sort, but it would not hinder the bill's passage one bit.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Bernard-Stevens. Before I go to the next speaker, I would like to introduce some guests to the Legislature. They are guests of Senator Robinson. We have Albert and Pauline Benson from Pender, and Marvin Benne from West Point. They're under the south balcony. Would you folks please stand and be welcomed by the Legislature. Thank you for being with us. The next speaker is Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, Mr. President and members of the body, I'd like to ask Senator Bernard-Stevens a couple of questions, if I might.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Bernard-Stevens, would you respond please.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: You bet.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Senator Bernard-Stevens, could you tell me, generally when we talk about guardians ad litem, who pays for those? I assume it's the state. Is that correct?

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: My understanding, and Senator Lindsay or someone may be able to give a more accurate, or Senator Kristensen, if he's around, my understanding is in juvenile cases, yes, the state.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: And could you clarify or go into more detail perhaps, the costs on this, now you said between...probably for