

the second year, and it does the following, it allows for foster parents, foster parents to be able to have liability insurance and damage insurance. Again, what it does is it allows for foster parents to be able to have liability insurance and property damage insurance. What it amounts to is the funds would equal...there would be \$90,000 necessary to have a liability insurance to cover foster care parents for damages. Of that, there is a federal match of 45 percent. That would be, of all the companies that do this type of thing, that usually runs a \$250 deductible. The other additional to equal 150 and 136 from 90 is simply that the state would then have a fund that would fund \$200 of the \$250 deductible for each claim. So for each claim, the parent would have to eat \$50 so that you would avoid frivolous claims. That, basically, is the intent. The amendment simply would include 115,000 General Funds for '91-92; 136,950 for '92-93, funds to pay for liability and property damage insurance for family foster care parents. That is the nature of the amendment. It is relatively pure and simple with the exception of the money side, and I throw it open to the body for discussion and hopeful agreement.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Bernard-Stevens. Senator Moore, followed by Senator Crosby.

SENATOR MOORE: Madam President and members, I remember in past years when Senator Warner was chairman of the committee and I was known to be a black sheep, but at least if I was a black sheep, I was always trying to spend less money, not to spend more, like Senator Bernard-Stevens is. So, yes, I do rise to oppose Senator Bernard-Stevens' amendment. If you look at LB 169...would Senator Bernard-Stevens yield to a question. My concern, other than the fact of financial concern which at this juncture I would oppose the bill, but besides that, I think there is a question in my mind whether or not, don't you need the statutory authority to allow the department to pay this, and without passage of LB 169, can the appropriation by itself accomplish your goal?

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: That is a good question, the question I asked as well to the fiscal staff, and the conclusion that we came to is that nobody knows. It is an unknown, and that was the decision that I had to make here on the floor. Do we do something that we are not quite sure if it is possible or not, or do we not do it? And so I guess my...the intention was to give it a run, and at some point if we find out this is