

something that cannot be done, it would not certainly jeopardize 843. It would simply be one of those things we'd say, well, it was not able to be done, we found a problem with that, and LB 169, then, would have to run its regular course and come up next year.

SENATOR MOORE: Thank you, Senator Bernard-Stevens. Well, I mean, coupled with the fact the funding issue by itself would be a reason for me to vote no on this, couple that with the fact that there is a bill out there, LB 169, that the Legislature could deal with next session, or by rook or by crook, this session, I am of the opinion you probably need that statutory language to make sure you can do it. And, though, maybe if you adopt Senator Bernard-Stevens', you give a signal you are interested in doing it, the fact until you pass LB 169, you arguably can't do it anyway, and so I think that the way that the body ought to proceed on this issue, I think it is a legitimate issue for Senator Bernard-Stevens to bring up and introduce a bill on, I don't think it is a legitimate add-on to the mainline budget bill. I think if Senator Bernard-Stevens wants to pursue this, I would encourage him to continue to pursue LB 169, which gives the statutory authority for the department to do that because, I mean, Senator Bernard-Stevens is correct and he can't say yes anymore than I can say no, but there is, indeed, a question on whether or not you can do it. And so given that cloud of question of whether or not it is permissible, the proper course would be to wait, act on the bill, if not this session, next session. Arguably the people this would affect would be out for a year but still the better way to do it, instead of amending the mainline budget bill, is to pass the bill itself. And so, with that, I stand and strongly urge the body to oppose Senator Bernard-Stevens' amendment.

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

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Madam President and members. Senator Bernard-Stevens, would you answer just a quick question for me?

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Yes, ma'am.

SENATOR CROSBY: In light...when you say that this is for property damage, liability for property damage, for instance,