

Wesely. Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Senator Ashford, would you yield to a question at this point?

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Ashford.

SENATOR ASHFORD: Yeah.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Senators, obviously, it's no...it's not news to you because you've been on the committee and at this point there are 25...there are \$20 million out there for A bills, the teacher...LB 91 has taken 15 of that if we pass that one through Final Reading which leaves about 5 million left for general A bills. We have the appellate court out there. We have new judges out there and a couple of other things. Out of curiosity, when we take the 3 million out, where do you anticipate that effect or that money coming from?

SENATOR ASHFORD: Well, first, specifically answering your question, we have \$20 million out there in A bills and there are other spending measures that are out there in the trailer bill. I would...that's up to each person to decide. I would suggest that part of it might come out of the 5 million that's left. The appellate court is now less than it was originally appropriated to be. But I'm raising this issue and maybe the \$3 million is too rich and it ought to be reduced. I think what I am really trying to say is I think this is an issue which has frustrated me throughout the appropriations process and basically because I haven't gotten any communication from the university system to let me know what they really are able to do. So that's why I brought this to the body and I apologize to Senator Lynch for not discussing it with him before but as far as where it comes from it would be up to each individual senator, part of it would come out of the 5 million and part of it...and the 3 million may have to be reduced. But I'm not...it's not my intent to raid the teacher pay bill but that is an issue, I suppose, that each individual senator would have to discuss. Thank you.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Yes, thank you, Senator Ashford. And Senator Lynch and Senator Withem and others have spoken in more detail on the amendment and the concept so I'm not going to repeat any of those things. I guess I would say on...at some point we're...actually that point is now, we're...we're starting