

PRESIDENT MOUL: The amendment is adopted. Is there anything further on the bill?

CLERK: Madam President, Senator Beutler would move to amend. Senator, I have your AM2148 in front of me. (The Beutler amendment appears on pages 2539-40 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, I know you're all still kind of half absorbed in your redistricting problems and in your...in some of the prior discussion but I hope you will refocus quickly and start paying attention to this bill because it is a major proposition in terms of the monetary expenditure suggested and not only that but I think it's one of the more dangerous investments that this Legislature could make and so you ought, therefore, to consider very carefully what it is that's being asked of you and how this mechanism works. Just by way of peripheral comment too, I wanted to take note of something that I hadn't noticed last time I was in the Legislature but seems to be a growing practice now and that is the practice of concocting schemes whereby money is required from the General Fund beyond the budget years that are being budgeted. Now we're talking about '93-94 and '94-95. This bill, for example, with its requirement that the reserve fund be...be replaced in '93-94 and also in '94-95 says that you're going to put \$2 million into the Reserve Fund in '93-94 and you're going to put \$3 million back into the Reserve Fund in '94-95. Now if you put that in conjunction with LB 830, the developmental disabilities bill, that bill says 5 million is going to be obligated in '93-94 and 6 million in '94-95. Well, folks, as between those two bills, you will have obligated, by the end of this year, in addition to \$8 million in both of those fiscal years, and we're still two years off. We had \$20 million, give or take, to deal with in A bills this year. By the time we're done with this legislative session, half the money that would be available in two fiscal years that are beyond the current budget years will be half gone. And I think that's a sad comment on how we're doing business generally and this bill contributes to that manner of doing business which I think ought to be addressed by legislative rule at some point in time, in any event. Back to the relevant material which is the amendment that is before you, I have passed it out, it is an amendment to the Wickersham-Lamb amendment. It has a number of sections. Senator Lamb and Senator Wickersham were kind enough