

would be the second policy decision that would have to be made. Very similar to what Senator Kristensen in the Transportation is doing with their committee amendments. They are saying, let's make a policy but let's don't talk about how much it is going to cost. We'll wait and so we agree with the policy on the amendments and then we'll discuss how much it will cost and whether we want to fund it or not at that level at a different time. So I'm following that procedure, if that answers your question.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Thank you.

SENATOR WARNER: Senator Bernard-Stevens, your light is the only light left. Do you wish to close?

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Well, Mr. President, I think I'll use this floor time to speak simply because for the first time in my life on this legislative floor, and I want it on the record, I've had the Speaker of the Legislature and the Chairman of Transportation Committee come up and ask me to continue speaking because they needed time to get an amendment. This is a very rare moment. They've got it now, so this will be closing, Mr. President. They have the amendment now. Senator Kristensen makes some valid points and, Senator Kristensen, I'm sure that you would be willing to, at a later time, as you have difficulty so some of the amendments we agree to with Senator Baack on wording, I would have no problem, Senator Kristensen, I would have no problem of an amendment later on that would say that there would be an evaluation of the individual. And if the evaluation showed that treatment was necessary that this bill would then...this amendment would kick in. If the evaluation showed that treatment was not necessary, I would have no problem with then going to what we have with the Beutler misdemeanor. I would have no problem in doing that, so if the question is, we might have overkill, to me the amendment is very simple. Later on we can say, simply say there would be an evaluation. If the treatment is not required, the bill as it now exists on the committee amendments would kick in. If treatment was required in the estimation of the evaluation, then this amendment would go in and that would solve that very easily. Senator Kristensen talks about taking resources away, and it's a valid argument by Doug. Some people that may not be treated, may need treatment, will be getting those funds for the treatment. The amendment I talked about that we could pass would solve that problem, but please understand what we have. We have a committee amendment