

CLERK: 16 ayes, 1 nay to go under call, Madam President.

PRESIDENT MOUL: The house is under call. Would all unexcused senators please return to the Chamber and record their presence. All unauthorized personnel must leave the floor. Would the senators please check in, the house is under call. Senator Lynch, Senator Byars, please check in. Senator Baack, Senator Schmit, Senator Robinson, and Senator Wesely, please check in. We are still looking for Senator Schmit. Senator Robinson, Senator Schmit is on his way up, do you wish to proceed with roll call? We will proceed with roll call on the Robinson amendment to the Bernard-Stevens amendment.

CLERK: (Roll call vote taken. See pages 1475-76 of the Legislative Journal.) 15 ayes, 25 nays, Madam President.

PRESIDENT MOUL: The amendment to the amendment fails. I will raise the call and we will proceed...further amendment on the desk, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Madam President, the next amendment I have to the Bernard-Stevens amendment is by Senator Bernard-Stevens. Senator, your AM3581. (See page 1476 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Madam President, members of the body, this is a...the amendment was filed as 1123 was written, and quite honestly, when we looked with the Department of Education on the flowing of the payments and when payments would be collected and when it would go out, this amendment simply puts the measure in the technical way that we need to do it so that it flows well. If the amendment is agreed to the money can be collected in the proper manner, distributed in the proper manner, and it simply puts the amendment in the shape that it needs to be in, so the body can decide one way or another if it wishes to do so. I urge adoption of the amendment.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Bernard-Stevens. I will now recognize Senators wishing to address this amendment. Senator Robinson. Senator Ashford. Okay. Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: I wonder, Senator Bernard-Stevens, if you could give me a little clearer explanation of what your amendment does and why it is needed?