

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Madam President, since this is basically Senator Landis' bill, he asked if he could put it onto my bill on 447, so I cosigned it, saying that I had no problems. However Senator Landis is not here to discuss the bill. I somewhat...feel somewhat uncomfortable about doing so at this point, so I'd like to pass that over, and hopefully Senator Landis will come, or someone that's more comfortable with the bill will be able to take that up later.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Bernard-Stevens. Does anyone wish to address this amendment? I'm sorry, you did pass over it? Okay.

CLERK: The next amendment, Madam President, Senator, I have an amendment from Senator Landis, 3506. Madam President, the next amendment following that is by Senator Bernard-Stevens, 3755, Senator.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Madam President, members of the body. This particular amendment, 3755, just came to us in discussion with the Governor's office two days ago. And the Appropriations Committee met yesterday and took this particular action. The way to accomplish it is on the bill 447, so I am going to take a couple minutes to explain, in essence, what has happened so the entire picture...the body understands the entire picture and so they can make the judgment, obviously, as to whether this is a good thing to do or not. In the Crime Commission, in the Crime Commission it is clear that there are...there is a position that we need to fill for about sixty-three some thousand dollars in order to continue to meet the criteria to get the federal matching funds that we use and need for our communities juvenile services program. And we're looking at 3 to 400, excuse me, 3 to 500 thousand dollars. So what...there are two...two things that I...that I'm doing, hope...hopefully one of them would be successful. Not on this bill but on another bill, in fact it's LB 1022, the budget bill, next week there will be an amendment...there is an amendment being drafted now that would simply transfer from the Supreme Court, where the juvenile service funds are, \$63,000 from that fund to the Crime Commission. That would be able...that would allow them to hire the individual needed so that they would continue be able to qualify for the matching funds, which are