

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Correct.

SENATOR HALL: Okay, I still rise in support of the amendment. I think that the issue is clearly one that does address the problem where it needs to be addressed in terms of the education. The only problem with the amendment is again, it, like the other measures in 291 are all after the fact, but at least this is the one provision in there that I believe will now help solve the problem for the future so that there will not be any repeat or we'll have a reduction hopefully in repeat DWIs because of the assessment and the provisions out of those assessments such as education and treatment that very likely will follow through. And as long as the issue of the sentencing in terms of the assessment or the evaluation is a permissive measure so that the court can choose to or can choose not to require that, I believe that it is leaving some discretion of the court that they probably very likely could use, and I think they would tend to use it in a constructive way rather than put somebody in jail, they would rather have them work out their problem through a treatment program and I would venture to say that most of the individuals who would find themselves in that situation would much prefer to look at treatment as opposed to jail. So I again would urge adoption of the Bernard-Stevens amendment.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Hall. Senator Nelson.

SENATOR NELSON: Mr. Speaker, I think I understand what the Bernard-Stevens amendment is, but as Senator Hall mentioned, and I have tried to, particularly last year, get a small increase in alcohol tax to help juveniles with education or treatment and was not successful to even do that. So, therefore, and I know that treatment is very...we, my office, and we've worked on this a lot, it is very expensive and works about 30 percent of the time and I want to question or I want it clear, treatment helps in some cases, some cases it doesn't help, some cases outpatient help, some cases inpatient, but when we're talking about eight to eleven to \$12,000 for a 30 day treatment, who is going to pay for that? Senator Bernard-Stevens, would you answer that or did that come in your...

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR NELSON: I think I understand your amendment and the assessment and if you know that I've worked on for several