

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, I think, Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I have not spoken on the Senator Beutler's amendment. And, quite honestly, I have been voting against the amendment and would continue to vote against the amendment. I did give, last night, Senator Beutler a procedural vote to allow him to have a shot at it and I thought that was the fair thing to do. But, at this point, as I go through, in my mind, and think of the...just the procedural motions that will have to go through...or Senator Beutler would have to go through even if he were going to be successful on his amendment, the procedural motions alone, because there is some...there are some problems with the authorization for appropriations. There would have to be, in my judgment, a substitution. There would probably be an objection. We would then get into a move to do so. Then we would get into that spiral. The other option, I think, open to Senator Beutler is he could argue that bill drafting made an error. It was...it should have been in on the authorization for spending but it wasn't and that, itself, would end up into a procedural is that the ruling of the Chair, I move to override, possible reconsiderations. That will spiral into a parliamentary dilemma as well. And so, at this point, I think Senator Beutler has done as good a job as he can, given the time restraints that we had, to push his cause and to fight the good fight. But it's going to have to be another day because it simply is not going to come to be, in my judgment. I do see a couple of bills down there and I'm not going to argue that we need to get to other people's priority bills. I think we all would understand that's a need and we're not going to this session. It's just not going to happen. But there is one I'm looking at that's not too far away. In fact, I was going to ask the Speaker of the Legislature a question and which I won't ask publicly, at least on the mike, but there is a bill in front of it and then we have a bill that I think this body understands we really need and that's LB 1257. I think it's 1257 on the solid waste. Those are things that the monies that are needed out there for the environmental problems that we need. That's a need that we have right now and we're going to have right now. And that's something I think the body, in good conscience, needs to get to. And then Senator Chambers is probably right, on some of the other bills we will get bogged down. It's just a matter of when and the session will come to a close. But to continue the parliamentary maneuvering on 835, not do the solid waste when we have at least a chance to do so, I think would be a mistake. And so, at this point, I would hope that the bill would be bracketed and there will be another day and that day