

think Senator Vrtiska did a good job. Basically we switch it from a cash fund, go to a General Fund, we put a sunset on it so it's not an ongoing cost. It will have to be reviewed. Section 4 will be some debate I believe. It puts a \$25,000 cap. That's something that I think is important. Senator Maurstad I think will have an amendment here shortly that will try to delete that particular section. From that point on, number 6, to talk about the date briefly, we put the sunset on it on June 30, 1999. It would appear in the base, not this biennium, but the following biennium it would be in the base but at that point then it would cease to exist as it would be sunsetted. If it's a good program, we come back and reinstitute it. If it hasn't done what we had hoped it would do, then obviously it will cease to exist. That's the nature of the substitute amendment. I appreciate Senator Vrtiska and if there's an amendment to that we might as well get to it at this point.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator. Senator Maurstad.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Thank you, Madam President, members of the Legislature, you recall on General File I had expressed some reservation relative to LB 144 and I appreciate Senator Vrtiska's work and also the work of his staff in trying to overcome some of my concerns relative to this. With the changes that are included in this amendment that better clarifies what the purposes of the particular act are, I think that it will provide far better direction to the Department of Economic Development on, when they develop the rules and the regulations. As Senator Bernard-Stevens indicated, I do have a few minor difficulties with certain aspects of the amendment before you but would certainly urge the body to adopt the Bernard-Stevens. Vrtiska, Maurstad amendment Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Maurstad. Is there any further discussion of the Bernard-Stevens amendment? Seeing none, Senator Bernard-Stevens, do you wish to close? Closing is waived. The question before the body is the adoption of the Bernard-Stevens amendment to LB 144. All those in favor vote aye, all those opposed vote nay. Have you all voted? Please record.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Madam President, on adoption of AMO246 offered by Senators Bernard-Stevens, Vrtiska and Maurstad.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: The amendment is adopted.