

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I won't need that time. I just want to again clarify that if members are looking at the McKenzie amendment, 1076, and if you're...if you are uncertain that the two years, the first two years would actually be transferred and the other outlying years are the ones that will be appropriated, I take your attention to page 3 of the McKenzie amendment, 1076, Section 4, which is at the bottom of the page, where it states that the State Treasurer shall transfer from the General Fund to the Ethanol Production Incentive Cash Fund on or before the end of each of, and then if you go to the next page 4 is where the amendment that we're proposing now would be and it strikes out "for each of", and you would have then fiscal years '95-96, '96-97, \$2 million per fiscal year. That would be transferred. That's the portion that's transferred in the next two years. And then it is the intent of the Legislature, you go down then to the rest of the substitute amendment and that shows the intent that the rest would be appropriated so that it would be within our budgetary process in the outlying year. So that's...if people are having a difficult time putting that together, that's how that blends together and that shows the transfer. And, with that, Mr. Speaker, I urge adoption of the amendment to the amendment.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Bernard-Stevens. Senator Wehrbein, followed by Senator Coordsen.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Mr. Speaker and members of the body, I rise to support also this amendment. I understand there is some concern in here about the intent of the Legislature into the future and of the commitment of many of those involved and I, as I said previously last week, I have no problem with the sincerity and the intent of this body to do what needs to be done into the future. I would hate to lose this amendment and this bill because of wording that I think is probably not that crucial to the success of the funding of this fund, in this case the EPIC Fund. We need to make clear that we intend to fund it as much as we possibly can as a legislative body. This says that we will...the intent of the Legislature to do that. It says that the intent that agriculture has contributed fairly would not be expected to participate again and it implies and gives the intent that we would take the rest of it out of General Fund in the future. I trust the intent of the body if they pass this bill that they will do so. And I think we ought to move forward and accept the fact that there is going to be quite a bit of General Fund money in this in the future, that