

legislators and I was agreeing and leaning that way. However, looking at the numbers in the cliff effect, I was going to rise and say that I would not support the amendment as it is now and I will not, but, as I understand, Senator Bernard-Stevens has another amendment up there that would accomplish some of the concerns that we talked about as far as moving some of the funding to the front end. That would make, I think, the bill...the amendment more acceptable and so, with that, I will wait and hear his discussion and hear what those numbers are and, at that time, I would be more likely to support the Bernard-Stevens new amendment. Thank you.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Thank you, Senator Bohlke. Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Senator Lindsay, members of the body, just briefly just so that you know, I, first of all, I think we need to adopt this amendment first. We need to adopt this amendment. And Senator Warner brought up a valid point about the cliff effect, and so we're working now on the amendment and I will file it when we get it worded exactly on how it needs to be done. We're not talking about any more amount, dollars, we're going to take dollars that were on the outlying years and bring them forward and we'll front-load it more. So it will be something like 12, 16 and...12, 14 and 16 million dollars for each of the bienniums is what...it still ends up being at \$42 million total that we have. And that will front-load it more and that goes to what Senator Schrock was saying, that goes to what Senator Bohlke was saying, and we're looking at that process now. But we need to get to this amendment before we get to that point. And I yield the rest of my time to Senator Withem.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Senator Withem, you have about four minutes.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you very much, Senator Lindsay. I just wanted to...I was...I'm actually quite happy to preside over this but I thought probably because of my raising the question the other day was one of the first steps toward this becoming a little more controversial issue than it may have been otherwise, and I don't think...maybe I just uncovered some controversy that was there. I don't think I created it. But I would like to make a few comments on my position about this amendment and other amendments and on the whole issue of ethanol in general. One thing, I don't know how many of you realize but probably,