

SENATOR SCHROCK: ...and with that, I will conclude my remarks.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Thank you, Senator Schrock. Senator Bernard-Stevens, followed by Senator Wickersham, Hudkins, Withem, Elner, Bohlke, McKenzie and Cudaback.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Mr. President, and members of the body, just to let the body know what actually is going on on the sides. We do have an amendment and it's just not ready yet but it will be ready here shortly. In fact, I've been teasing my staff who said that the kindergarten training of cutting and pasting didn't pay off as they've gotten two different amendments and they're now pasting the two together so we can have one. But, basically, the amendment, what I'm going to do when the amendment is ready and whenever I get a chance if someone yields me time when it's ready, it would be great, I'm going to substitute in for this amendment. And the amendment I'm going to substitute in front-loads it, and it will be six...four...is it sixteen first; 16 first for the biennium, 14, and then 12. And the reason it needs to be at least 30 in those first two bienniums is because that's the number that we need, that's where the big bubble is where we need the dollars up front and then the 12 would be at the last in so there's not that big cliff effect. And I think that will do that. It also keeps it within the appropriations process and that will be the amendment. Then Senator Schrock has graciously, when we talked on the floor, has said that he has the next amendment up. He will allow this current one then to be substituted in. So we'll first agree to the up-front funding and then we'll go to the process where we have the...it's the intent and what have you. I think that's how we may have to do it. If, in fact, they combine it all together into one, that's great, but that is the nature of what we're working on and I wanted the body to be aware of that. I think we're about ready to do here in a few minutes. Senator McKenzie, you may have the rest of my time.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Sorry, did he yield time to Senator McKenzie? Senator McKenzie.

SENATOR MCKENZIE: Thank you, Mr. President. How many minutes do I have?

SENATOR LINDSAY: You have three minutes and ten seconds.

SENATOR MCKENZIE: Oh, thank you, and thank you, Senator