

Bernard-Stevens, for yielding a few minutes. I wanted to explain to people why we had put 2 million and 2 million in the first two years of the bill. And part of that was based on discussions a month ago not having a good idea of where we were going to be in terms of bills that had been introduced and the overall budget. However, now that we are closer toward the end of the year in that budget time, I would absolutely be in support of increasing the amount we can put into the bill, in the amendment, and, in fact, I believe then we would have to change the language from a direct transfer these two years to that appropriation so that we could make adjustment based on what we have in the budget this first cycle that we are currently talking about. Again, the reason that we need to put as much money as we possibly can into the EPIC Fund these first two to four years is because, in '96 and '97, I believe, '97-98, all of the plants in the State of Nebraska will be qualifying for credits those two years and that is a tremendous hit on the EPIC Fund, but it shows you exactly where we are in terms of the recent development in the new construction that's taken place during this year and last year. Senator Bernard-Stevens, I would yield the remainder of this time back to you and thank you for allowing me to explain the reasons for the 4 million.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Thank you, Senator McKenzie. Senator Wickersham.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Thank you, Mr. President. I want to be brief. This topic hasn't come up for a little while and I don't mean to interject it back in the discussion, but when Senator Withem was discussing whether or not any Legislature could commit future Legislatures I was just so intrigued by that that I thought I had to dredge up some of my recollections and comment on them. And Senator Withem did make a couple of interesting comments about transfers to trust funds, et cetera, and, of course, he must have been thinking about the fact that that does occur, that, in fact, that occurs with 20 percent of your income tax, so it goes into a fund for equalization aid to schools. And I know that Senator Withem would say that it's really not equalization aid, it's "disequalization" aid, but anyway it's aid to schools, it goes into a fund. And that happens automatically every year. The Legislature doesn't vote on it and it's in statute. Last year or two years ago, Senator Warner had a bill, LB 320, would have created a rather large trust fund for the support of public schools at the K through 12 level. It would have dedicated express percentages of the sales