

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, and members, I was going to call the question but I don't think I'm not at this time. I think we finally have an amendment that is acceptable. We've been talking about this issue for, I don't know, how many days and how many hours but we finally put some state dollars in here that make it feasible. We didn't ask the Omaha Chamber to put any money up front for Micron. You know, it bothered me why we're asking the farmers to put money up front for this. It just doesn't make sense, so by putting state dollars in here, we finally have an amendment. I think Dave finally came up with a solution that the rural senators can support. I hate to really brag him up too much, but I think it's something that is needed at this time to move this bill forward. And I sure support this amendment. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM PRESIDING

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SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Mr. President, and members, Senator Bernard-Stevens, would you respond to a question?

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Yes.

SENATOR HALL: Senator Bernard-Stevens, I've been sitting here intently following the debate but I just have a simple question. What's in the amendment? I mean, did it get passed out? I know cut and past doesn't go beyond kindergarten and I think you've got a very talented staff, but as far as I can tell it's at least a 30 million dollar amendment over four years. Possibly, there might be some transfer money in there as well. Are we going to get a copy of the amendment to look at?

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Yeah, it is being...it is being copied off now as we speak, and you will have it. Senator Hall, there is no difference from this amendment than the one that was in the book on page, I think, 1240 in your...in the Journal. All of that amendment that was on page 1240 is there. The only change between the amendment that was printed, that was before the body, are the numbers, and we front loaded the numbers. It will be 16 the first biennium; 14 and 12. Otherwise, there was no change whatsoever with the exception of the numbers.