

Beutler brings this bill up again because he has got some type of an arrangement that he feels may have 25 votes, my amendment, if it is reconsidered today, will not come up until only after the Legislature has refused to finance any of the proposed amendments that may be pending. Only then will the amendment come up, and then it is, in essence, a kill motion, but the kill motion isn't just saying let's get rid of the bill, the kill motion focuses on the issue, and the Legislature would be on record saying we want, if we are not going to finance it, we are going to get rid of the bill, we are going to get rid of the law, and we are saying that for those people who come back next year, there will be a law introduced, and we will support that. That is what good policy debate is about. So I take strong feelings towards the implication of Senator Warner's. That was incorrect and it was improper. So I wanted to make sure that it's on the record, if this is reconsidered, my amendment will not be discussed today. It will be brought up only if the bill is brought up again and only after the Legislature has decided not to fund anything. Then I will offer the amendment. Then the bill, if the amendment is agreed to, will be pulled from the agenda, and then we will introduce the bill next year to do that which the amendment said we're going to do. If the Legislature chooses to fund it, I won't offer the amendment. Now somebody else may offer the amendment, but I won't.

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: So I wanted to make sure that is very clear on the record. I appreciate the time.

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

SENATOR COORDSEN: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, following Senator Bernard-Stevens with a repetitive speech, with the slowness of speech that I have come about to use might give you an average talk this morning. I haven't spoken on this issue, and that is the standard disclaimer that many people use on the floor of the body, primarily because I have come the full circle on the issue of campaign finance reform. Early on, a number of years ago, I supported I think the bill that came before the one that is current law relative to limiting campaign finances. We have looked on the floor of the Legislature seemingly endlessly for some way to fund campaign finance reform by whatever the mechanism might be for a number of years, and it appears that