

economic depressed areas that cannot access funds today, why we should not be helping those people. I'd be very interested to hear your response on that.

SENATOR ENGEL: Senator Bernard-Stevens...oh, okay.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Engel, your light is next. Senator Engel, your light is next.

SENATOR ENGEL: Senator Bernard-Stevens, I don't have anything against those people, but that is not the intent of this particular bill. I think if you would really want to help those people with some type of economic development package, I think you should come up with another bill. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Is there any further discussion on the Bernard-Stevens amendment to the Engel amendment? Senator Robinson.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Madam President members of the body, I can tell you how you help small businesses, retail businesses. You get economic development and then the small businesses come, the new businesses start up. In Blair we have had several new businesses because of Cargill, and that's the way you...that's the way you help small retail businesses. If there isn't economic development around your cities, you will not have it. That comes first and then the retail expansion comes. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Robinson. Senator Bernard-Stevens, your light is next. You've spoken three times. There are no further lights. Would you like to close?

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Madam President, members of the body. This particular amendment would change the amount from 3 million down to 500,000 in each of the next two years. It will maintain the program but not at the specific funded levels. Obviously, there are not the votes to make tough economic decisions today. The mood of the body is, gee, let's go ahead and move it one more time, let's see what happens. Well, ladies and gentlemen, I am going to tell you what you are going to find out on Select File. You still are not going to have an idea of what the budget is going to look like, totally, because this bill will come up on Select File before that happens. And then there will be the argument, well, since we