

there will be \$16 million out there that people can use to spend on monies that they want. Don't kid yourself. Nothing is safe. But if you take this \$6 million and if you take it now, or you take it at some other time, it is going to be awfully hard for them to come back and say we didn't vote for the cuts that made the funding of the ethanol contract worthwhile. It will happen that way. I know there aren't the votes to do that because there is not the courage to do that right now. And so waiting for the time when that will happen,...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: ...I withdraw the amendment at this time.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: The amendment is withdrawn. We return to a discussion of the Engel amendment to LB 425, excuse me, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Senator Bernard-Stevens would have the next amendment, Madam President. (See FALL16 on page 1489 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Bernard-Stevens, to open on his amendment.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: This amendment is also a simple amendment. It does not have to do with money, though I suspect it is also one that Senator Engel will not support. This amendment is, and this is the other amendment, the final amendment that I have drafted at this point. This amendment deals with the part of the Engel amendment that says, and I am trying to find it, on page 2 of the Engel amendment, on line 23, it says, the Governor shall have the sole authority to give the final approval for all projects and activities which are established under the fund. That portion in this amendment would be deleted. In essence, then, what you would have is whatever monies that we appropriate for this bill with the advice and consent of the group that has got together that is supposed to advice the Governor and give consent, that would be the group that would decide where the dollars are going to go. I think if you are going to have a group that is involved in economic development, that you should do that. I am not sure it is wise policy simply to have the sole authority, regardless of the advice and consent of a group to dispense the dollars. I