

made the same argument on the DEQ funds, and so I am very consistent with my philosophy. This is nothing against Governor Nelson, or his ability or nonability to use good judgment, I am sure he would, but I think it is just a policy for the Legislature that we should not put that necessarily and totally in control of one person, regardless of what the input may or may not be. So I'd move to strike that portion of the amendment.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Bernard-Stevens. Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Madam President, and members. I rise in opposition to the Bernard-Stevens amendment, but I would ask Senator Bernard-Stevens if he would respond to a question.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Yes.

SENATOR HALL: Senator Bernard-Stevens, who would then approve the projects established under the fund, because the way I read the preceding sentence to the one that you are striking, as I understand it, your amendment strikes the Governor shall have the sole authority to give final approval of all projects and activities which are established under the fund, is that correct?

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: That is correct.

SENATOR HALL: The preceding sentence says only projects consistent with such principles and processes shall be approved by the Governor.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Actually, I should strike that sentence as well, I suspect, to be consistent.

SENATOR HALL: Well, but then if you do that, and probably that's correct, and I would oppose that as well, but my concern is, who then approves?

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: In my judgment, it would be the commission.

SENATOR HALL: But there is nothing in the language that states