

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Just briefly, Madam President. This amendment strikes lines 23 through 24, on page 1; changes the date to '96, and also takes away the delay that the amendment in its introduced form would have caused. So it strikes the January 1, 1996 delay, so it would still be implemented at the time of the Governor's signing.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you Senator Bernard-Stevens. The question before you is the adoption of the Bernard-Stevens amendment to the Crosby amendment to LB 455. All those in favor vote aye. All those opposed vote nay. Have you all voted? Please record.

CLERK: 9 ayes, 18 nays on the amendment, Madam President.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: The Bernard-Stevens amendment fails. We return now to the Crosby amendment. Senator Abboud.

SENATOR ABOUD: Yes, Madam President, members, would Senator Bohlke yield to a question?

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Bohlke.

SENATOR BOHLKE: Yes.

SENATOR ABOUD: Senator Bohlke, now the part of the major part of the Crosby amendment is the changing the implementation date for the bill, and, as a sponsor of the bill, I want to establish a few things on the record here as far as the cost to the State of Nebraska. And we had a fiscal note here that provided for some additional costs to the state that will occur as a result of the passage of this bill. Has there been an estimate done as to savings to the state by a reduction in the amount of people that will be receiving state assistance?

SENATOR BOHLKE: Senator Abboud, the evaluation that I talked about that's already in place will do that. We won't know it until, the savings, until we begin the program. We're going to have a control group and another group. The evaluation is there, we'll be able to compare that and then we'll be able to have a clearer number, at that time, but until we actually begin the program, we can't give an actual savings.

SENATOR ABOUD: Has there been an estimate? I know a number of other states, most notably Wisconsin, have enacted this type of