

me touch on something Senator McKenzie mentioned. She mentioned that the bill, the part about the block grants wouldn't take effect until 1997, but if they choose not to deal with what we have in subdivision (a) of subdivision (3) which says how to establish the basis for distribution of the block grants, since all this is is a suggestion, by 1997 they still do not have to have addressed that. They don't have to address any of these things. Now let me ask you the question since you know what I want to ask you and then you can get to the other one and I'll reask that. There is nothing in the language as it exists now which mandates that this be undertaken that we find in this subsection (3). Is that correct?

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: To my knowledge that is correct.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay. Now is here is the first question that I had asked which I would like you to answer. Would you be in favor of drafting language which makes it clear that if these matters are not dealt with, and I might want to take a different term than dealt with or address, but whatever word or language we use, if these issues are not dealt with, no part of the bill will take effect.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: On part two I could agree with that on the block grant portion. I think the first part that's the funding portion where we put the cap on at the present 122 tied in with growth, that I think needs to take place. We need to start there to create the mechanism, make things flow. If you're concerned on the block grant side that nothing they do on the block grant side would take place until they have addressed these particular issues and those others that may be added, I would be willing to work with you on that language between now and Select. I have not...personally I do not have as much difficulty with that because that is in fact the intent that they do that. So I would be...the answer I guess is kind of part two I'd be agreeable with, part one, no, I think we need to do that one so I couldn't save anything in the bill, if you follow where I'm going with that argument.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes, I do...

SENATOR WESELY: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...but to help those who may not have followed you as I have followed you, you're saying that you