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PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR HALL: ...and you know that they make up the skins are used for purposes of boots, maybe, maybe they ordinarily are used for human apparel, but I would argue even in that case they don't meet the definition if you use an ordinary interpretation of what ordinarily means. Many of these individuals who expect an exemption won't get one because of the way this proposal is drafted. And the very people who bring it to us today who don't want to change it will be back in here trying to change it and clarify what the intent was. It's poorly written. This is not a reflection on Senator Dierks, but it's poorly written and I believe that it is poor tax policy to begin with. I would urge us not to move to advance this bill over to E & R initial. Thank you, Madam President.

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

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Madam President, members of the body, I, too, will not be voting to advance the bill put for substantially different reasons than what Senator Hall was talking about and maybe it's time for somebody to make the arguments. Senator Beutler I think tried in the beginning a long time ago on, it seems like a long time ago on his kill motion, but members of the Legislature, we're going to very quickly get to the point where we always get to and that is we're all going to say, yeah, we're going to have to make these tough decisions on spending. We're going to have to make some priorities but we're not going to do it again. I can see it happening again. This Legislature will not make the tough decisions. We're not going to change much in the Appropriations Committee's budget. I think we all understand that that's not going to happen to a great degree. There's going to be some good debate. There will be a lot of votes taken potentially, but there's not going to be a substantial change. I could be wrong, but I don't believe so. When you look at the budget sheet, there's \$17 million available for spending and we're sitting at about, if we do all the things we want to do, \$60 million of total expenditures and actually it's going to be worse than that because on an amendment that I suspect the body will agree to on 742 that \$12 million gain is going to fall to a \$6 million gain. So you're going to have a \$12 million impact