

would not be one-quarter of the fund, I think, that Senator Chambers referred to. Of course, if we...if we didn't fund it at a significant level, perhaps that 500,000 dollar level should be reduced because I agree that you should not allow one or even two projects to use up all or most of the fund. So if we lowered funding, I think I would be in favor of reducing the \$500,000 to make sure that we keep the benefits spread across the state and across the number of business enterprises. But as long as the funding is...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: ...\$6 million, I am quite comfortable with the 500,000 dollar limitation that we have in the amendment.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Wickersham. Senator Chambers. Excuse me, Senator. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Senator Bernard-Stevens would move to amend Senator Wickersham's and Engel's amendment. (FA200 appears on page 2032 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT ROBAK: The Chair recognizes Senator Bernard-Stevens to open on his amendment.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Madam President, and members of the body, Senator Wickersham actually gave a very good opening for what this amendment is and I appreciate that. Senator Wickersham, if you're following along on your amendment which is on, what, 1791 of the Journal, on line 14 of the first page, strike the number 500,000 and put in 250,000. And what...this is...this is not...we're going to have other areas of the bill where we will disagree as far as striking funding or kill motions, whatever the case may be. This amendment is, for all sense of purposes, assuming that the bill would pass, and if it...and one of the quandaries I find myself in is really what we should be discussing right now is the A bill first because that would dictate a lot of what's going to...what the bill would be. I am assuming...and you may want to disagree with me procedurally or philosophically. but I really think that if this bill is not killed, and I hope that it is, but if it isn't, it's going to be substantially reduced in funding. And my thought was even if it was at the 3 million dollar funding a year for the next two years, that \$3 million, if you have a 500,000 cap, my math isn't very good but it seems to me that's six