

like to respond to both Senator Bernard-Stevens and Senator Chambers. I think Senator Chambers has agreed and he's talked about it so many times, \$500,000 or \$3 million each year is not a lot of money, 500,000 is not a lot of money. The thing is and they want to restrict this to under 100 employees. Now, at the present time, the way I understand it, we do not have a facility to take care of those employers between zero and 250, so what would...I guess the question I have to ask, if we do restrict this to under 100 employees, what do we have for those between 100 and 250? If we had a viable company trying to set up here in Nebraska or expand and they had 110 employees and we didn't have this discretionary fund, I like that word much better than the one that's been used, if we did not have this discretionary fund, we might lose them because they went over the 100 employees and they might...they might have needed 300 and some odd thousand dollars. So that's a question I have for those who are objecting to this. I would like to get an answer from them what their...what their plans would be for those...those employers between 100 and 250.

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

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Madam Chair. And at this point I would like to withdraw that amendment and then make a motion to divide. If I may go ahead and talk while you're looking at what the divisions would be, while you're looking. Is that all right?

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Your amendment is withdrawn and you may proceed.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you. Members of the body, in working with Senator Wickersham, he felt and I concurred that there are parts of the Wickersham amendment that are truly technical and do tighten up the measure considerably that probably should be agreed to as a matter of course and then the more policy oriented, such as what my amendment, whether it should be 500,000 or 250, should be separated out. So what this division would be, if you're following along, which I know everyone is with bated breath, on page 1791 of the Journal, again to the Wickersham amendment, we would...the division would be on line...the first page, line 1 through the word "section" of line 3. That would in one, the first section that Senator Wickersham would like to take up. So the first section would be