

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Thank you, Madam President. The second part of the amendment does the same thing over with regard to the...in a sense, but it deals with the applications that might be approved. Again, those have to relate to the purposes and to the policies and procedures adopted by the commission. It tightens up that language. The second thing that it does is broadens the scope of the report to the Legislature so that it doesn't only include those projects that are approved, it also includes those projects that were submitted and not approved. And then the third thing it does is strike a redundancy that appears where you had to identify the recipients of the loans or grants and then you also had to furnish the identity of each recipient or grant. Well, that is simply a redundancy and would be taken care of. Again, these are purely technical changes, at least in my view they're technical, although the broadening of the report is arguably not technical but I think that should be nonobjectionable and just ask your indulgence in adopting this second part.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Wickersham. For discussion on the second part of the amendment, Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Madam President, and members of the body, and though, again, Senators Engel and Wickersham and I are going to have strong differences when it gets to the portions of whether we should do the bill, and if we are going to do it, at what level. I do concur that the amendment that Senator Wickersham has brought for us does tighten up a couple of the areas that other members, including myself, had concerns with, particularly the way it was drafted in the green copy of the bill. And I appreciate very much the work that Senator Engel and Wickersham and others have done to try to meet all of the concerns. There were just so many that we're not going to be able to meet all of those concerns, but they've really made a valiant effort. And I do appreciate the fact that on the report back to those people that will get it, plus the Legislature, that you broaden it out not only to include those that were granted but those that were not. And I think that will be very helpful and a very wise policy and I appreciate that. And that is...and because of that, certainly, I support this second part of the Wickersham amendment.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Bernard-Stevens. Senator Chambers.