

might use \$500,000 in funds is small or not, we'll have a chance to talk about that. But I certainly feel that \$500,000 is not an exorbitant amount of money, depending on the type of business that's involved, and I'm quite comfortable with that limitation, regardless of the level of funding that might ultimately be available for the program.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Wickersham. Mr. Clerk, you have an amendment.

CLERK: Senator Bernard-Stevens would move to amend. (FA270 appears on page 2032 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Bernard-Stevens, to open on your amendment.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Madam President. This is the amendment we had prior that I withdrew so that we could do the division that Senator Wickersham suggested. And I keep wanting to throw your name out there, Bob, because I don't want people to think that I am dividing the question or trying to...to delay the bill. We are going to have differences of opinion. We'll see where the votes are. But I'm not trying to...just to delay the bill. Technically, this third division has...and I'll get to the amendment here in a minute, but this third d'vision has three separate sections to it that, and as Senator Wickersham and I were talking, we actually could have divided this one three ways but we kind of generally agreed that there probably wasn't a need to do that because anyone who had a concern would be able to offer an amendment to any one of the three different sections and we would...we would discuss it. And so I'm going to talk about a couple of the other two sections before I get to my amendment. Senator Wickersham, if you would answer a question again for me. On lines 4 through 10 in that first paragraph of the third section, we have a line...at the end of line 6, this restriction shall not prohibit a community from receiving a grant for a community improvement project which may include utility or transportation infrastructure and which is consistent with the purposes of this act. Why...why was that rest...exemption, if you wish, put in, particularly in light that you still put 25 percent of the funds away so that if you were above 100, they would be able to apply for that. I'm a little confused on that portion.

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Wickersham.