

Is there any objection? Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: I'd like to reserve the right to object and simply ask Senator Avery what the substitute amendment is if I may.

SPEAKER WITHEM: I think that's probably proper. Senator Avery, can you briefly describe the substitute amendment and your rationale for the substitution?

SENATOR AVERY: Okay, what this is is a change in the percentage. It provides more...actually less of a cut or in both of the...in the same category to...the present...1984 provides that both state community colleges and the university have an increase in terms of their budget on general aid and operation at 4 percent and 3 percent respectively. This increases that amount to 3.5 percent and 4 percent.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: With that explanation, I'd rather go in regular order and I object.

SPEAKER WITHEM: There is an objection. There will be no substitution. Senator Avery, your amendment 1984 is before us. Do you wish to take up that amendment or withdraw it?

SENATOR AVERY: I'll just pass over that at this time.

SPEAKER WITHEM: It is passed over. Next amendment, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Next amendment, Mr. President, Senator Bernard-Stevens would move to amend with AM1999.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature. This amendment 1999 provides for \$100,000 for a policy planning for the Department of Education. I want to...and the original amendment had \$100,000 in each of the next two years. This amendment that we have before us I want to clarify is just for one year, for the first year of the biennium. The request was made to the Appropriations Committee and at that time I believe the committee made the proper decision stating that it probably wasn't necessary particularly