

That's saying we're probably going to give it to them but we don't want to do it now because we're having to make tough budgetary decisions, we'll give it to them next year, ask them to do it this year and then give them the money to reimburse them for the dollars that they've had to do. That's crazy. It's not ethical and it's not right, but as Senator Lin... or as President Johnson said, if you can't tell where the votes are within the first 15 minutes of discussion, you don't deserve to be here. I know what the mood of the body is now at this particular point and I withdraw the amendment.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Senator Bernard-Stevens. The amendment is withdrawn. Mr. Clerk, next item on the bill.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Bernard-Stevens would move to amend. Senator, AM1987. (See page 2000-01 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR HALL: Senator Bernard-Stevens, I apologize. Before we go to that, we do have guests in the balcony. They are guests of Senator Avery. They're 56 fourth graders from Golden Hills Elementary School in Omaha, Nebraska, with their teachers. Would you please stand and be recognized by the Legislature. Thank you very much for joining us today. Senator Bernard-Stevens to open on your amendment.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Well, it's bad timing to do it. In fact, I should probably just lay it over. Common sense tells me to pass it over and bring it up later after Senator Hall gets through hammering the Legislature on the next amendment that we're going to have, but I'll go ahead and do it now anyway knowing what...full well what the vote's going to be. This amendment basically adds \$25,000 to the Nebraska Advocacy group and let me give you a little history on it and, Senator Pedersen, I hope you're listen carefully because it's not quite, I think, as you thought it was. The Nebraska Advocacy group is helping those that have developmental disabilities. There was an office that was open in Lincoln for Lancaster area and it's run by volunteers, but they always have a paid staff person in order to coordinate all the volunteers and do that. Those that have developmental disabilities, they try to match volunteers to help them, to help them be within the society, to help them be as self-sufficient as possible. It's a tremendous thing that they do. There is another thing that they do that I don't particularly like, but it's within the right to do it and that