

find, if Senator Wehrbein wants to argue, we can find \$25,000 and if we want to transfer, I'll find it. That's no problem. And, again, I'm going after 6 million on LB 425. I think that will cover the 25 and it will also help cover the ethanol and it will also help cover some of the other spending we have. I'm also going to go after the boot camp, which is another 4 to 5 million dollars. That will help cover the ethanol. That will help cover the deficit. Those are where the big issues are going to be on the budget, not on this, so if you want to attack the...our part of the state and say, sorry, \$25,000 was just too much, we're going to take care of our developmental disabilities as far as advocates in the eastern part of the state but we really don't have enough time or dollars to do it in the western part of the state, fine, do that, but I'd like to see that we can help ours...our developmentally disabled individuals as much as we can, at least on getting the volunteer so they can live as best as they can within the society in west central Nebraska and I would urge the adoption of this particular amendment.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Senator Bernard-Stevens. You've heard the opening on the amendment. The lights that are on to speak to the amendment are Senator Wehrbein, Beutler, Bohlke, Robinson, Hillman, Crosby and Chambers. Senator Wehrbein, on the Bernard-Stevens amendment.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes, Mr. Speaker and members, I simply rise to oppose this amendment and it isn't that Citizen Advocacy is not a very worthwhile group. It is, in fact, and it's...we simply chose, as a committee, not to expand this...the financing of this. There's presently \$74,000 in this budget. There was a request for more money, I believe it was another 55,000. We simply chose not to expand this program and so we held it at the same level that it's been for the last two years which is, I repeat, \$74,000. I would simply rise to oppose an expansion at this time of the \$25,000 and so I oppose the amendment.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. Senator Bohlke, your light is next. Senator Bohlke waives off. Senator Hillman, you're light is next to the Bernard-Stevens amendment.

SENATOR HILLMAN: Yes, Mr. Speaker, members, 25,000, I know, isn't a big amount, but one of the things I guess I would like to have us look at is advocacy groups. We have done some discussion off and on of the role probably of state funding then it comes to advocacy groups. We have several. The discussion