

economic planning areas? We already have the dollars that are in DED at this time that are promoting economic development. We already have, by this Legislature, the Micron legislation, we still have the 775. We have a lot of initiatives out there, but there are a lot of things that we don't have out there as well. We don't have some funding for developmental disabilities. We don't have the things we need right now on special education.

SENATOR HALL: One minute.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: We don't have some of the areas of funding yet we need for ethanol because that's still on Final Reading, and so on. So this issue comes down to me as one that I would like to do but I can't. And if we need minimum \$12 million, 6 of it is here, and then we still have some very difficult decisions on some bills all of us would like to pass, but we won't be able to. And I want to conclude that if we are irresponsible and simply cannot make the cuts for whatever promises we may have made at the beginning of the session, I would like to remind my colleagues that in the beginning of the session we all have hopes of things to pass. But as the picture changes and everything develops, we have to have the courage to adapt to the new changes, we have to have the courage to go up to our colleagues and say, Pat, I'm sorry, I was with you, I liked the idea, but with the funding situation we have now I can't continue that, maybe there will be another day and I'll be glad to be there. We have to be willing to do that in this body, and that's why I cannot continue to support the bill...

SENATOR HALL: Time.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: ...but I do think Senator Chambers' amendment improves it, but it may improve it too much.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Senator Bernard-Stevens. Seeing no other lights, Senator Chambers, to close on your amendment.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, Senator Hall and Senator Bernard-Stevens touched on something that is a sore point with me and is becoming increasingly so this session. There are bills that I don't like. I've already worked a great deal with Senator Engel on this bill to help get it in a form that is better than what it was when it first came before us. And perhaps this amendment is too much in line with what the bill supposedly is designed to accomplish, and perhaps