

to open on his amendment.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Madam President. This is the amendment that had 22 votes the first time. There were very few of the...a lot of the members were gone that I mentioned. I would like to try again. What this amendment, basically, did is it put in the next phase. We've done Lincoln, we've done Omaha, we've done Kearney. The next phase was going to be, just so happens to be in the North Platte area, and it is to add \$25,000 for a staff person that, basically, will organize the volunteers to be set up and aligned with the developmental disabilities, so that they can be self-sufficient and live on their own. It's a program that has I think four votes in the Appropriations Committee, just didn't get enough quite to get on there. It's one of those programs that we all talk about us doing, and that is that we like to make people self-sufficient. We want them out of the system, and we also want it to be a community project, and the volunteers are ready. They have gotten the organization there. They've also gotten a grant from the United Way, pending upon whether they can get dollars, the \$25,000 here. So that is the nature of the reconsideration. We've talked about it prior to that, and I would urge the body's adoption of the motion.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Bernard-Stevens. Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes, Madam Speaker and members, I simply rise to oppose the reconsideration and oppose the consideration of the bill, as I did earlier. It's not that it isn't a good program. It's like many of the things that we do and are doing. It is a good program. I just, and the committee, simply took the position of not to expand it any more, and so I rest on that.

SENATOR CROSBY PRESIDING

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. Senator Wehrbein, did you finish? I am sorry, we were...thank you. Senator Chambers, on the reconsideration.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President, members of the Legislature, our esteemed chairperson of the Appropriations Committee said he simply rose to oppose the amendment, the reconsideration. Well, Senator Wehrbein, I complicatedly rise to support it. This is a