

on Select File, and so, therefore, I will be voting no.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Senator Bohlke. There are no other lights. Senator Bernard-Stevens, you are recognized to close on your amendment.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, and I appreciate the support from the Chair of the Appropriations Committee. And, in essence, again make clear, this does not set any policy at all because all it does is say that we, in the Legislature, have the...are stating our intent that if on LB 742 we do save more monies, regardless of what decision we make on Select File, that it is our intent to transfer those savings into the Cash...the Cash Fund Reserve, and what it is doing is saying that we, in a Legislature, we may save some more dollars here in the next week when we get to LB 742, but we are not going to just turn right around and say we saved it, we are going to turn right around and spend it. And that's just the intent, and as I explained to Senator Wehrbein and, again, as the Chair of Appropriations, he was in support of that, and I appreciate that. If the Bromm-Bohlke amendment, for example, is agreed to and we put a flat cap with no growth, what would happen is we would save \$12 million instead of the 6 we already have. The 6 million extra would simply go into the Cash Reserve Fund, and so we could say we actually, if we are going to cut spending, we actually are not going to just spend it elsewhere. It's the intent, if the Bromm-Bohlke amendment were agreed to, or even if somewhere in the middle, say 3.5 percent were agreed to as a compromise on the issue, then that amount would then be transferred, extra savings would be transferred. We still would have to, on Select File, I would still have to come to the body and actually have the dollar amount figure that would do so. I would just like to set the intent that that's what we do not want to spend more money. We want to...we actually want to have the debate on is the good policy, and if we save money, we're going to be saying we are not going to spend it elsewhere. I think it is good fiscal policy, and I'd like to, at least, have the intent going into the weekend, that that's what we intend to do. I would urge adoption of the amendment.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Senator Eernard-Stevens. You've heard the close. The question is the adoption of the Bernard-Stevens amendment. All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Senator Bernard-Stevens, for what purpose do your arise?