

that's about where we belong. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Robinson. Senator Maurstad.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Thank you, Madam President and colleagues. I don't know if Senator Bernard-Stevens is still...still around or not. I want to respond a little bit to one of the things that he's brought up and I don't...I don't mean this, because, obviously, he's feeling...feeling a little low right now and I don't mean this to be derogatory to Senator Bernard-Stevens at all, but there are some of us that probably don't analyze, might be an understatement to state, quite to the extent that Senator Bernard-Stevens does relative to all of these issues. He's...he's brought up, I think, one of the basis for his motions to reconsider is that those 27 or 28 that supported the first portion of the Bromm-Bohlke amendment did so because they wanted to fund A bills and he, obviously, selected a couple Senators to ask if they would be supportive of putting the money aside on the basis of knowing what the answers were because I think he said earlier in the session you don't ask another Senator a question on the floor if you don't have a pretty good idea what their answer is going to be. So I wanted to indicate, just as one individual, I didn't make my vote on that portion of the divided question based upon making dollars available for other A bills, so I want to make that clear. I've told him that I don't...don't intend to support LB 425. The introducer knows that. The Department of Economic Development knows that. I was an early supporter of the bill, so from this pers...this Senator's perspective, that didn't...didn't enter into it and I certainly would support his motion to set aside the difference into General Fund reserve. I think that's probably a good idea. Hopefully, others will think...think likewise as we get to that particular amendment on this bill. You know, we've got this...this particular amendment's divided into three parts. I believe there's about ten more amendments that are filed on this bill so we've got quite a bit of work to do on it yet and so I don't know that there's one vote at this point in time that's life or death relative to 742. So I hope we continue to work on it. I hope that a compromise can continue to occur because I think we need to advance and pass a special education bill this session, but this is one senator that didn't vote on that last motion to provide additional funding for other A bills.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Maurstad. Senator