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the needs that we've avoided for 35 years, we wouldn't be able to do so. And what we really always do in this body is to say, look, we are not going to limit one program here to the cost of living. We are going to make our decisions based on priorities. Do we want to spend money on more prisons? Do we want to spend money on boot camps that talk about just juveniles that are convicted as an adult? Do we want to spend money on partnerships? Do we want to spend money in education or do we want to spend money in areas of juvenile justice and crime? We will make those decisions based on our priorities at the end of the session. This amendment does not do anything that would help us in that situation. What Senator Witek is asking on the first part is a good thing to ask; it's a good thing to do, but we already do it. At that point...at this point, I simply rise to oppose the amendment.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Senator Bernard-Stevens. Senator Robinson.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Mr. President and members of the body, Senator Bernard-Stevens, a question.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Yes, sir.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR ROBINSON: What's the total A bill on this?

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: On the A bill, when we get to the A bill, it will be about 3.2 million

SENATOR ROBINSON: Have you looked at the...studied any of the bills coming out of Revenue, where we would reduce spending at the state level by one-half of the average of the last five years? I just...

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: I've looked at the bills that are going into Revenue. At this point, I haven't seen any of the bills come out of Revenue yet, so I have no idea what they are going to do and what...what form those bills will take.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Are you ready to take a reduction if one of those bills come out?