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Senator Dierks, you don't need to respond because I don't want to take all the time. But I hope we, we are not setting a precedent and I, and I'm not sure what I'm going to do on the bill. If I don't agree with the fiscal note, and so I've just decided I'm not going to introduce it because I don't agree with it, I think that's a dangerous precedent for all of us to do. I think...I don't know, maybe I'd like to ask the Chair of the Appropriations Committee a question, Senator Wehrhein. Senator Wehrbein, I guess the question I have is if, and I'll just speak in terms of my...well, maybe I shouldn't do myself because you'd obviously say yes, but say another more respectful member of the body had an A bill, did not think it was accurate, it was a low amount, and decided not to do it. Is it still the prerogative of the Chair of the Appropriations to introduce the A bill anyway if the introducer of the bill will not?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Well, I and we have had to make those decisions in the past. I was going to look at this and see, but...

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Is there any, is there any threshold that the committee has as to what does not...what we don't need an A bill for, if it's...

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: No, there's no set threshold, you mean in terms of dollars?

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Yes.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: No.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Is it your feeling that, that something worth...if it's ten thousand dollars or so that if that is possible an accurate number that you would consider introducing the A bill anyway?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: I will look at it. I was in the process of making a call, which I didn't get a follow up on.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Okay. Senator Dierks, at this point I'll support the bill. But if it gets on Select File and it still has a potential cost of ten thousand, even though I respect your judgement, I still will...I'll begin voting against the bill if we don't have an A bill at that point if the Chair