

set up several years ago, which didn't get any funding, other than a few little incidental funds. The committee was established to find out how on earth we could fund this so that we could provide the screening. And eventually we brought in about an \$8 million, I think, over a four-year period, to help with that project. So my point is you've got to have...you've got to have somebody sit down and put focus on this problem, you've got to have somebody spotlight the problem. And this, in my estimation, is the best way to do that. Put your task force together, have your housing task force look at the funding, establish the fund, and move forward. It's not going to be done overnight, but we do need to do something about it. The other thing that I would like to just quickly reiterate...

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: One minute.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: ...is that whatever funding we come up with, that leverages anywhere...for every dollar it leverages anywhere from 4 to \$8 at the local level. I'm confident that something can be done about low income housing in this state. I think we have to start somewhere, this is it. Please don't vote for the Maurstad amendment.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: We have a priority motion, Mr. Clerk. Items for the record first, if we can, before that motion.

CLERK: Thank you, Mr. President. Your Committee on Natural Resources Committee reports LB 1386 and LB 1387 to General File. Those reports signed by Senator Beutler. A series of amendments to be printed, Senator Elmer to LB 901; Senator Chambers to LB 901; Senator Maurstad to LB 472, I'm sorry, LB 1322, excuse me; and Senator Withem to LB 1322. Mr. President, I have a corrected committee statement from Natural Resources regarding LR 313, I'm sorry, it's a report regarding LR 313, it's reporting it back to the Legislature for further consideration. And a series of adds, Mr. President. A number of members would like to add their name to LB 1039; Senator Abboud to LB 842; Senator Chambers and Senator Hillman to LB 1322; Senator Chambers to LB 1055. (See pages 976-78 of the Legislative Journal.)

Mr. President, priority motion. Senator Withem would move to adjourn.