

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Right, so the next biennial budget, the next year, if we're going to extend it out to '99, we'd have to have the money for that.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: That would be a separate decision, next year.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Okay, I appreciate that. And with that understanding at least, I am comfortable that the A bill does not need to advance. If for some reason in my mind we get to...there's still a feeling that we need to fund it to '99 to be consistent with it, I would certainly be willing to offer the amendment to the budget. But since we've already got the dollars for this biennial year, for the evaluations, it's my judgment at this point that it's not...the funds are not necessary at this level. Senator Warner, I don't know if that answers your questions or not. If you wish to, I'll yield you some of my time.

SENATOR WILL: Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Thank you, Senator Bernard-Stevens. I guess, Senator Wehrbein, my question goes to you. I understand '96-97, but the A bill also funds '97-98. I believe the A bill requirement rule is for two years. Normally we used to do the A bill, which then became the base for the Appropriations Committee for the following year, for the new budget year?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: That could be true. We have been funding Kearney-Geneva one year at a time. We did it last year, and now we did it again this year. It has to do with some of the other facilities coming on-line. And then with the 552,000 we budgeted this coming year is money to operate the evaluation unit, it's a very small part of the 552,000. And with that wing is trying...we are trying to close that wing, if we possibly can, depending on what other facilities come on line, the work camp and others. And so you're right, the second year A bill, which normally the A bill would cover, is not covered in this. But we have been extending this opening at Geneva-Kearney on this wing one year at a time as it is, so....

SENATOR WARNER: Well, I guess I won't argue about it. But I mean I think the rule...