

SENATOR WILL: Thank you, Senator Bernard-Stevens. You've heard the opening on the amendment. Discussion? Senator Cudaback.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Mr. Speaker, members, I think we've talked about this bill at length. We discussed it for about two or three hours the first morning. We discussed it again the next week and we've had some good debate on it, and I do appreciate everybody's concerns. I appreciate Senator Bernard-Stevens' concerns. We all fear what could happen, and I guess what could happen could happen but I guess I don't think beings we're not reinventing the wheel here that our fears are actually there. I think it's been tested, it's been tried, it's been tried in Kansas, our next-door neighbor, it's been tried in 15 or 16 other states. At this point, I guess, I represent mostly smaller districts as we all know, and we had the 5,000 in there for a trial period in those districts. There's people on the floor here who want to be included. I'll say that again. There are people that represent districts such as Senator Schimek who want to be included, and I guess she has that right to want to be included so I did not speak for it nor against it. And so at this point, I will stand to my position and will not speak for this amendment or against it. This is, like I said before, this is your bill. It's not Jim Cudaback's. It doesn't ab... I mean actually doesn't benefit me as such. I did it for the people of Nebraska. If you want to amend it to make it better or whatever, that's up to you; but look at this amendment as it might affect you and your district I guess and we'll go from there. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM PRESIDING

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Cudaback. Senator Bohlke.

SENATOR BOHLKE: Yes, Mr. Speaker and members, Senator Cudaback and I have had a number of discussions. He knows that I was concerned with the bill in its original form and so I am probably going to support the Bernard-Stevens amendment although I would still be voting no on the bill. And so it goes very much to the debate that we had before that what could be the possibilities of things happening. Certainly let's take an example with what's come out of Revenue Committee and if there's something introduced that would be a vote of the people to override. Then if this bill were passed, those people who want