

we think you are important, we know that you are important, we know there is a major problem out there we need to begin dealing with. Agencies may have to start cutting back or political subdivisions because of lids and what have you, but they are now at X level and next year when then biennial budget starts, the second year of it, they will actually be \$73,000 less than where they are at now. The amendment that is before you, that I will withdraw, would have restored all of the veto funds, that would be 112,500. Personally, that is the one I would rather do, but I know that there is going to be...that that would be vetoed and quite honestly I think the only thing that I would be able to do is to argue that at least let's keep the base level. So if they have X amount of dollars this year and they are going to lose \$73,500 this next year that we at least add that to their budget so they remain flat. That is what I want to attempt to do. So at this particular time I will withdraw the amendment that I have and go to the next one, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Madam President, the Bernard-Stevens amendment, Senator Bernard-Stevens amendment is on page 1276. Senator, I have AM3776 in front of me.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: And this is the amendment that would keep the level flat, which would actually give rape and domestic violence \$73,500, instead of the 112,500. What this does again, members of the body, is if you want to look at the chart that I handed out on domestic violence, if you look at the comparable years, the first year they had an amount and then the second year, because of the vetoes and no action on the committee, they will actually be 73,500 less. What this amendment does is restore the vetoed amount up to that level so that they are at least flat for this, the whole biennium, the year they are currently under, but more importantly the next year of the biennium which will be starting in July. That is the nature of the amendment I put before you now. That is the one that I urge the body's adoption.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Bernard-Stevens. Senator Kristensen announces that the following guests are visiting the Legislature today: there are 60 high school students and their teachers from Minden High School in Minden; 18 high school students and their teacher from Axtell High School in Axtell; and 40 high school students and their teachers from Kearney High School in Kearney. They are all here as part of Kristensen's