

current fiscal period. We've, as indicated in the handouts that have been provided, we have chosen to include other items that the Governor vetoed out, that was overridden by the Legislature, so I think that this certainly is not making an exception for this particular item. For...I'm not going to reiterate many of the reasons that the money is being used for a worthwhile purpose. I would only say that I agree with the comments that have been made on the worthiness of the appropriation and would urge the members to also support the Bernard-Stevens amendment. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Maurstad. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President, echoing Senator Bernard-Stevens' comments, Senator Bernard-Stevens, this is the last time I will speak on the amendment, but it is because it is my third and last time under the rules when I can speak. These are the kind of issues that do light the fire in my belly, if any issue can. I just wish that the amount of money were greater. I wish that I were expending all of this moral indignation, fervor and energy trying to get us to spend \$73,000,000, Senator Klein, instead of \$73,000. There is not a program that could be more justified and this one. There are some that are equally justified. I think casting a vote in favor of this amendment is a vote for which nobody need apologize. The difficulty would be explaining why we would cast a vote against it, with all of the money we are going to spend on other things including brick and mortar, highways and things that have no human content whatsoever. I doubt that a senator would stand before his or her Kiwanis group, chamber of commerce or whatever other of these groups that you talk to and say, I voted for hundreds of millions of dollars for these things, but I voted against \$73,000 for the rape and domestic violence victims; yes, I voted against it, I'm proud that I voted against it, that is what you sent me to the Legislature for, to spend hundreds and hundreds of millions over here on the left side and to vote against 73,000 on the right side. If anything, the senators know that this vote against a program like this will be lost. Not much is going to be said about it and they will not bring it up on their own. But it would be very difficult to explain, especially after they just got through pontificating, as I know all of them will do, about how they want to be tough on crime, all the care that people have. Why the "Repelicans"