

into difficulty is the fact that they have been abused and are currently being abused in their families. My position has always been that we need to get tougher on crime penalties, but we also at the same time must get into the root cause of the young people so that they don't get into this area. The rape and domestic violence is one of those areas. And I think it's very, very important to our state, I think it's very, very important to our children, and I think the literally paltry amount, when you look at a billion six, what the whole budget will be, 73,005 (sic)...

SENATOR COORDSEN: One minute.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: ...just to keep them flat is not an unreasonable request, and I would urge your support of the amendment. Thank you.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Senator Pirsch. Senator Pirsch, would...the house is under call. Would you please come to the Chamber and record your presence. Senator Bernard-Stevens had indicated that we could go ahead with the vote. The issue before the body is the Bernard-Stevens amendment to the committee amendments to LB 1189. Those in favor please vote aye, those opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 35 ayes, 2 nays on the adoption of Senator Bernard-Stevens' amendment to the committee amendments.

SENATOR COORDSEN: The amendment is adopted. Next item, Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: The next amendment I have is from Senator Bernard-Stevens. Senator, this is AM3822. (Amendment may be found on page 1276 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR COORDSEN: Senator Bernard-Stevens, to open on your amendment.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Madam President (sic). And I appreciate very much the support the body gave to the last amendment.

SENATOR COORDSEN: I raise the call.