

because at least we're saying you're going to stay where you're at. If you will recall, the NRDs were not cut, their budgets were not cut with any of the legislation that came out of the Revenue Committee. They're left at 4.5 cents. I did not want to see an increase and so this is something I think that is very important that we now do and so I do support the amendment. I think it's an amendment that is very workable so thank you.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Senator Schellpeper. There are no further lights. Senator Hudkins, you're recognized to close. Senator Hudkins waives closing. The question is, shall the Hudkins amendment number 3990 be agreed to? All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of Senator Hudkins' amendment.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: The amendment is adopted. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Senator Hudkins, I now have your floor amendment 549 but I believe you want to withdraw that, Senator, if I'm right.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: It is withdrawn.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next amendment is by Senator Dierks. Senator, I have AM3742 in front of me.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Senator Dierks, you're recognized to open on your amendment.

SENATOR DIERKS: I would like to pass over that amendment right now.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: It will be passed over.

CLERK: Senator Hudkins, (inaudible). Mr. President, the next amendment is by Senator Hudkins. I have a note that she wants to withdraw. (FA548 found on page 1294 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: It is withdrawn.

CLERK: Second amendment by Senator Hudkins to be withdrawn,