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LB 299, 1114
LR 292

are limited to the four entities of government that's outlined here, it will become a much easier and practical solution to this issue...

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR WARNER: ...that's been around, so I would urge rejection of the Bernard-Stevens amendment in order that automobiles could be addressed differently than what the limitations of the constitution now permit. The constitution does permit it to be done differently, but the distribution of those funds becomes a complicating problem.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thanks, Senator Warner. Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body. This is one of the amendments...one of the...I probably have more of these kind of amendments than I've had in many of year. This amendment I, too, to a degree, agree with Senator Warner that the way the committee has done it, in all probability, is the best thing for us to do in regard to LR 292 when you look at the rest of the package. What I'm going to be concerned about, what I want to make sure the body understands and that's the only reason I'm offering the amendment, and I am going to bring it to a vote, by the way, knowing that it is going to be defeated or at least assuming that it will be defeated, is I don't want senators, at the end of all this discussion, when some of these things happen...when people ask them why you did that, I don't want people to be able to say, I didn't know we...that was a part of it. I kind of assumed that this, this and that. I want everyone to understand what we're doing. I want them to know why this is in there, and I want them on the record on voting yes, I vote to do this. That's the reason for the amendment. And I fully expect the amendment not to pass. I want to emphasize that, and probably it shouldn't pass. But I want people on the record so that at least we'll be able to go back to say to our constituents, yes, we knew that was there. Yes, I voted to keep this in there, and this is why. So with that being said, I want to talk about what the...what the committee amendment does, and what this amendment will do. Please keep in mind that very directly these things will have an effect on what you're going to do on LB 1114 and LB 299. This is not a totally separate deal, and Senator Warner knows that,