

SENATOR WARNER: Obviously, would be willing to look at it. I think, as I think everybody will anticipate when the amendment comes down, all of us know, not all of us, I think there's some general idea of what is going to be conceptually in and I think all of us would recognize that there may need to be refinement amendments when it gets to Select File, and, obviously, the whole body wants to look at that.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Thank you. Thank you, Senator Warner. Whose time were we on? Were we on his time?

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Is there any further discussion of the Maurstad amendment? Senator Maurstad.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Madam President, with the...with the discussion that we've had with the Chairman of the Revenue Committee and the amendment that will be coming, I ask that amendment 3993 be withdrawn.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: The amendment is withdrawn. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Madam President, the next amendment is by Senator Brown, AM3922. (See page 1475 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT ROBAK: The Chair recognizes Senator Brown to open on her amendment.

SENATOR BROWN: Madam President, members of the body, there is a lot of discussion taking place in society about the need to restrain expenditures and, certainly, I believe that LB 299 and LB 1114, that it's a necessity that we, in the Legislature, control some of the discussions that are taking place. The amendment that I'm offering talks about intent, that reductions that take place, as a result of LB 299, take place as far from children as possible, and it's based on an amendment that was offered last year and withdrawn. I'm really pleased that we've had the kind of discussion that we have had on the floor of the Legislature about young people and about how these bills might affect young people. I think that Senator Beutler and Senator Bernard-Stevens have both been quite eloquent in making sure that we continue, as a body, to understand the implications of this legislation on children. And I think that one of the things that we need to do is to keep having that discussion with society, to keep talking about it at this level so that we can