

11 million plus over the 3 percent reserve, so that the entire state can begin having the first phase of having something to help the young people so they don't commit the violent crime, so they don't get involved in the gang activity, so they don't get involved in the adult correction system, because you save money in the long run. And I have stated it before and I will state it now, when it comes to the juvenile portion of crime, people turn the other way. We talk a good game, we walk the good walk, but we don't follow through, but we will follow through on other things on the adult side because we feel that we have to. Members, we have to do this for our young people. We have to have something out there so that they don't get involved in the crime. We have got to do this, and if you don't do it now, is the budget going to be better next year? Is the budget going to be better the year after that? I don't know. As Senator Hillman will say, the rules change, circumstances...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: ...change. All I know is, is that if you want to affect crime in the state of Nebraska, you do these things. You do the juvenile justice portion. If you want to affect a long-term youth crime and violence Nebraska, you do this thing, and you still, by doing this thing, will do the most help you could ever do in crime in Nebraska for our young people. You will do the most that you've ever done this session, and probably for awhile, will allow all the state of Nebraska to participate, and you're still going to be \$11 million over the 3 percent reserve, and there will be no special session, and, yes, next year you will have some tough decisions but don't we all every year. We can do it. Our children need it. If we are concerned about violence, our young people in crime, not to do this, basically, says...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Time.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: ...because we even had the money, we are going to wait and do it, and we know there is nothing for you but maybe again next year, and those next years have been 35 years in coming. The time to do it is now. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Bernard-Stevens. The question before the body...Senator.