

government is going to do with some of these fundings. I just fear greatly that this may be dropped right in the middle of us and we'd end up funding this, because I know it's an important thing. But I just think we have to really, really think long and hard when we look at the total dollars being spent on this. I'll give my time to Senator Robinson.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Robinson.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Senator Moore, is he here? Mr. Chairman, members of the committee, Senator Moore, let me talk...I'd like to talk to David Bernard-Stevens, Senator David Bernard-Stevens. Have a question for him.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Bernard-Stevens, would you respond, please.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Senator, being on the Appropriations Committee, you're saying...it's my understanding we will have an A bill.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Yes, that is correct. LB 520, as it was, had no A bill, but the amendment that the committee agreed to had a cost of General Fund, and so that will make an A bill appear on 520 as amended.

SENATOR ROBINSON: So when we come down to the final stretch and the Appropriations Committee has submitted their bill, and we'll be looking at that and all the other A bills, so we will have the opportunity, as individual senators, to select our priorities of spending. Would I be...is that a correct statement?

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: If I can take one second, yes, that is...or thirty seconds. That is correct, and for again new members, what will happen with all bills with A bills, this would be one of them.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Right.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: It will sit on Final Reading, if it would advance this morning, and it will sit there until after the budget is passed. And the budget, then we'll know how much money actually is left after we've added amendments, whatever is on that budget process. And there will be a little line-item on