

we are talking about what is left, and this all fits into the revenue package and the appropriations package, and that's the reason this bill is up here right now is because it fits into the state budget, and I suggest to you this is a big deal. If the Chambers amendment is adopted, and, Senator Moore, maybe if you have an observation on this, but Senator Bernard-Stevens, I at least spoke to him so he wouldn't be caught cold with this, is that going to change the figure on the green sheet on LB 491?

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Doug is checking with the fiscal staff because we don't know what effect that is going to have. We do know that if you lower...the more you lower the fee, the more revenue is created, and what we do not know, however, is how far...where that equil...in my economic judgment, where that equilibrium point is, that you may actually lower it too far. We don't know that necessarily. You may lower it to a point that you actually get a decreased amount of revenue rather than the optimum point, that's what we don't know.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: But there would be some...there could be and would be, probably, some impact upon the fiscal sheet in terms of revenue, and so...

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Yeah, if this goes to the fiscal sheet, right now we free up about \$5.7 million in it. It would make a difference on actually how much will be freed up if the bill would advance.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: In terms of a policy choice, the speakers are probably correct, nobody knows.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Good point.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: But we have a lot of policy choices that we don't know about, and if it makes an impact on the green sheet, I suggest to you that in real economic terms that does make a difference in terms of what else is available out there and what other cuts may have to be made, or what other cuts may not be restored, and I just want the body...I am going to oppose this at this point, but, you know, the world doesn't quit revolving if Senator Chambers' amendment gets adopted. But I just wanted to make sure that people understand that these bills are in here for a reason. They are not necessarily done for the policy but they are done on the revenue basis, and that's...I think what we've been discussing to that extent, Senator Moore, I don't