

I'm going to withdraw all of those amendments. I can do it one at a time if I must.

CLERK: No, that's fine, just so I understand both the ones that were filed prior to today and then the ones that you gave me this morning, both sets then, Senator?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Let me come up there so I can be sure we're on the same...

CLERK: Okay. Madam President, the next amendment I have to the bill is by Senator Bernard-Stevens.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Bernard-Stevens, to open on his amendment.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Madam President, members of the body, this particular bill can be found, amendment can be found in your bill books, it's LB 1000. It came out of the Health Committee unanimously. To my knowledge there were no amendments. Senator Wesely can correct me but I don't believe there are any amendments on it at this particular point. It was up for consent calendar but because it was, there is one aspect that was, to some people, controversial. I took it off of consent calendar or more specifically asked for it to be passed over and mentioned at that time that I would offer it as an amendment here. In essence it is twofold. The first part I don't think there will be much disagreement with. The first part, it would add about \$250,000 to the Domestic Violence and Abuse Fund, but it's not general funded and this is the part which may be somewhat controversial to some people. I have looked for a way to try to find a stable source of funding or as stable as can be anywhere found in this day and age and one of the areas that I found that I would like to use, one that would be a continual source of funding, not in lieu of, but in addition to the funding that we're able to give through General Fund and through the federal funds that we have was an increase of the marriage license fee from \$10.00 to \$25.00. And by increasing the marriage license fee to \$25.00, that would give us the amount of money that would go to the Department of Social Services and it would be put out in the same manner domestic violence and abuse programs are at this particular point. So that process would not be different. I don't think many will oppose necessarily where this money would go. Some people may not want a fee increase. In my judgment this is not an