

SENATOR COORDSEN: Okay, thank you for the reply.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator. Senator Robinson, there are no further lights, do you wish to close on your amendment? No closing. The question before the body is the adoption of the Robinson amendment to LB 1034. All those in favor vote aye, all those opposed vote nay. Have you all voted? please record.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Madam President, on the adoption of the Robinson amendment.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: The Robinson amendment is adopted. Anything further on the bill?

CLERK: Senator Bernard-Stevens would move to amend. (See AM4374, found on page 1768 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Madam President, members of the body. This is the amendment that members came up to me later and said they wished they had a little bit more time to...to know what that amendment was, so I'm going to offer it one more time and use it...let the body do what they wish. This is the part that deals with the Environmental Control Council when they deal out grants in this particular area of recycling. Again, the way the system is now the law states that of all the applications and grants that go through, that the director picks the grants that he feels are the best. And there's a process that they use within the department to narrow those down. The law then says that if the Environmental...that all of those will stand as approved, unless the Environmental Quality Commission unanimously votes to disapprove, by unanimous vote. And what we had not too long ago, in fact a couple weeks ago, is the council looking at one of the particular applications and all members but one voted to deny that application. But because the law said it had to be unanimous, we have now 400 some thousand dollars going out to an applicant that the majority, except for one, of the council disagreed with. The bill as we have now simply treated the problem in this manner, the bill says, and Senator Beutler can briefly give the other side, but the bill basically says, look, let's don't have the council in it at all, let's just have the director pick which applicants there should be, because we don't want the council getting involved with