

SENATOR WITHEM: When you originally talked about the length of the amendment and then you read the additional language, does that mean that you're not offering this original portion here of where you're striking "ands" and putting in "ors" and all of that?

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you. My...this...the first portion, all of the striking and whatever, my understanding from the bill drafters' office was not necessary. We have not received back an amended version of the bill, so I would say in answer to your question, basically, yes.

SENATOR WITHEM: Basically...what was my question, maybe that...

SENATOR COORDSEN: Your question was whether I was striking the first parts?

SENATOR WITHEM: Oh, okay. I might ask the Clerk then if that is what is before us? We've had...what I have is a copy of an amendment here by Senator Coordsen, but has two pages on it and he said basically what he is doing is striking the first page of that, but I don't know technically what is before us at this point then in that case. I heard...I have one amendment in my hand and I have another, heard another one explained.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Mr. Clerk, could you respond to the question. Senator Withem, would you please repeat the question.

SENATOR WITHEM: My question is, what is before us? Because Senator Coordsen indicated that he has a written amendment here that has two pages on it with...adding some new language at the very end and the rest of it striking a number of "ands" and inserting some "ors". He indicated all that wasn't necessary so all he was offering was the second part and I don't know which part to address myself to. Technically, what is before us?

ASSISTANT CLERK: Senator, the amendment we have right now is a two-page amendment that is offered by Senator Coordsen.

SENATOR WITHEM: Okay. I will address then the two-page amendment indicating what I see as the intent of it and if Senator Coordsen wants to offer a different amendment that does something different, that would be fine if he were to offer that. The first part of it, the way I read it, the striking a number of "ands" and inserting "ors" would take a portion of the