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Senator Fowler did say, what the amendment does is delays the date of the transition from a Commission on Aging to a Department of Aging to January 15, 1983. The effective date of the bill is still the same and that would be, I believe, sometime in September. The reason for the change is that there is, of course, the potential for a change of administrations in January of 1983 and it would be unfortunate and disruptive to the programs if we would have two or possibly even three directors appointed in a very short period of time. And for that reason I think that the philosophy that Senator Warner is trying to accomplish will be accomplished in 1983 but we will ensure that the program will not be disrupted in the meantime by the political process. For that reason I do urge you to support my amendment to the Warner amendment. I am very pleased that Senator Warner is coming up with the philosophy that was embodied in 249 and that philosophy is attaching to other agencies but I think it would be simply a smoother transition if we adopt the 1983 effective date. Thank you.

SENATOR CLARK: The question is the adoption of the Cullan amendment. All those in favor vote aye. All those opposed vote nay. It takes 25 votes.

CLERK: Senator Clark voting no.

SENATOR CLARK: Have you all voted? Once more, have you all voted? Record the vote.

CLERK: 16 ayes, 23 nays, Mr. President.

SENATOR CLARK: The amendment failed. Now we are on Senator Warner's amendment. Would you clear the board, please. We are on Senator Warner's amendment. Senator Carsten, did you want to talk on Senator Warner's?

SENATOR CARSTEN: Mr. President and members, I will only ask Senator Warner a question if I may and see if my interpretation of his amendment is correct. Senator Warner, under your amendment do I interpret that to mean there is a performance and audit review the same as we do with other agencies by your committee in the appropriation process? Is that correct?

SENATOR WARNER: Well, that is correct, Senator Carsten, but that would be true with or without this amendment. This amendment does not in any way affect the appropriation review process of the Legislature.

SENATOR CARSTEN: All right. Okay, the performance and audit