

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: We could do that in here. It does not take expertise. It takes a sincere effort to look at the evidence and it can be done, and I guess I would like to go on to say, it is interesting that we would argue that the Office of Public Counsel may not have the expertise to make it, but we are going to take three relatively different citizens or different people and put them on a committee and we think that all three of those will be able to make a decision. It complicates it even further. The Office of Public Counsel, I believe, is the best way to go. We do have some other areas that we need to look at, and I would hope that we could get on and move to those matters relatively shortly. Thank you, Madam President.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Speaking on the amendment to LB 340, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam Chair and members of the Legislature, I want to get a couple of things into the record because we are ranging beyond Senator Bernard-Stevens' amendment to try to consider some of these other alternatives while we speak, so I would like to ask Senator Wesely a question first.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Senator Wesely.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Wesely, did you say under your proposal, it would be like the arbitration arrangement where each side selects an individual and they two agree on a third?

SENATOR WESELY: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: If there is no agreement on the third, then you would have to have a situation where the statute would set up a dispute resolution system for that case, would that be true?

SENATOR WESELY: Well, it would be silent in that regard, I guess.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But I meant, if we wanted to get past the deadlock, we would have to have some way to resolve that deadlock?

SENATOR WESELY: I agree.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Now, strike that all from your mind, if you