

a viable option. If the Lindsay amendment is defeated and the Bernard-Stevens amendment is adopted, I think it throws...even though it seems like a very minor change, it does throw the bill into constitutional question. So I would ask that...Senator Johnson has raised some very valid concerns about can it be handled in some counties, multicounty districts? Again, most judges, when you talk to them about it, refer only to their...only to their level. The district judges will say, I've got five or six counties and I'm the only judge. But they don't take into consideration, because generally this is kind of a hybrid in that sense, you can file this in either court, they take into consideration the fact that there are also maybe two or three other county judges in the area that could also hear those cases. We're not talking simply about district judges, talking about district and county. So we take all the judges from within that area, combine them, and then see if there is enough...if there are enough judges there to handle the request. Again, I would ask that the Lindsay amendment be adopted. And thank you, Senator Schimek. She found what I was looking for. The amendment is on page 5, line 23, of your reference. But I would ask that the Lindsay amendment be adopted and that the amendment then be...the Bernard-Stevens amendment then be attached to the bill.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Lindsay. We will now vote on the amendment to the amendment as offered by Senator Lindsay. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 16 ayes, 4 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of Senator Lindsay's amendment to Senator Bernard-Stevens' amendment.

SPEAKER BAACK: The amendment to the amendment offered by Senator Lindsay is adopted. We will now proceed to the Bernard-Stevens amendment as amended. Is there any discussion of the Bernard-Stevens amendment? Seeing none, Senator Bernard-Stevens, would you like to close on your amendment?

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, members of the body, and I guess, for the record, those people I would have liked to have been on the red side but I made an agreement with Senator Lindsay which I think, politically, is probably the best one for the day. But I appreciate those votes on the red side because I think what we're saying at least is that there not only is a problem, we suspect there is going to continue to be a problem