

Senator Bernard-Stevens was saying the costs would be, am I correct, Senator Bernard-Stevens, anywhere from 20 to 90 thousand for the state?

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Senator, those figures are being brought down now. I wasn't expecting this amendment to come up this quickly. That's what I mentioned on the floor, and I'll verify that in a couple minutes as those figures are coming down.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Well, apparently the purpose of this amendment is to shift the cost of the guardian ad litem, and the cost of court appointed counsel from the counties to the state. And this, of course, would create an A bill and would bring a cost factor into play as a possible reason for not supporting the bill. I think when we get down to other amendments that are proposed for the bill, we are going to find that the...Senator Withem's that was adopted on General File will also have some costs, and whether or not the other amendments that are following today will also be a cost. So I have to keep in mind that the Withem amendment, to design and distribute a form which outlines the parental notice and judicial bypass provisions, that already has an added cost factor. And I don't know whether Senator Withem's is needed, or is even essential to the bill. But I do understand that he is going to have an amendment to his amendment. I think it's about the fifth one down. So at this point I would have to oppose Senator Bernard-Stevens amendment creating an additional A bill or additional costs to LB 425 for the state.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Labeledz. Senator Crosby.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members. Senator Bernard-Stevens, you got your information by now?

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Yes, ma'am.

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Labeledz, see, now she's got me in a corner here because you and I are on appropriations, and that wasn't what I was thinking of when I turned on my light. I just wanted to understand at the moment you're talking about the costs that it costs the court, not the young woman. I'm confused as to who's paying what.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: At this particular point, the way the