

February 12, 1992 LB 447

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Rasmussen. Seeing no other lights on, Senator Bernard-Stevens, would you like to close on your amendment to the amendment.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: I think, Mr. President, in the absence of a lot of time until the noon hour, I'd like to go ahead and bring it to a vote, and then I'll make comments when we get to the advancement of the bill.

SPEAKER BAACK: You have heard the closing for the amendment to the amendment offered by Senator Bernard-Stevens. We'll now vote on that amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Recrd, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 20 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of Senator Bernard-Stevens' amendment to his amendment.

SPEAKER BAACK: The amendment to the amendment is adopted. We are now on the amendment as amended. Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you. I will not take much...much time. I want to talk about Senator Withem's comments, because he was right on target. And I hope...I hope the agency heads, and I suspect that they are, are listening. There's not going to be, I don't believe, a tremendous amount of debate because of the lack of time and the willingness of the body to move on this particular issue. But there is a frustration, and the frustration is growing to the point that something on the line of what the...originally 447 will come down the line, at some point, if we cannot get the cooperation, if we cannot get the collaboration, if we cannot get the feeling of working together to accomplish that which we all know needs to be done in the areas of juvenile justice. I will...I do want to say that in the last week or so the...I have sensed a willingness on the departments to...to...to work on this commission. I have sensed a willingness to say, you're right, Senator Bernard-Stevens, and other members of the Legislature, we agree, there are problems, we want to look at it, and a willingness to work together. And I...and I...and I hopefully will be able to take that willingness and work with the Governor's Office, as they've been very, very helpful in the Governor's Office and also the Policy Research Office, bringing people together to make a commitment to get this done. I will say there are some subtleties on the amendment which actually