

Bernard-Stevens' amendment.

SPEAKER BAACK: The amendment to the amendment is adopted. We are back on the amendment by Senator Rasmussen. Any discussion on that amendment? Seeing none, Senator Rasmussen, do you wish to close? She waives closing. We will now vote on the amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of Senator Rasmussen's amendment.

SPEAKER BAACK: The amendment is adopted.

CLERK: Senator Bernard-Stevens would move to amend with AM4302. (See pages 2155-56 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Members of the body, this is simply an amendment Senator Rasmussen and I have also discussed. I hope that she is in support of it. Basically it is an amendment that provides a little bit more flexibility out into the rural areas of the state. I'm always concerned, particularly the way we've done it in education sometimes, that we come up with something we know and we believe it will work and we mandate the process. And yet if the mandate process comes from on high and it's not accepted totally or it's not, they haven't bought into the concept yet at the lower levels that you run into conflicts of getting it accomplished. What this amendment basically does, it says if a county or contiguous group of counties do not establish the teams as required by this law, they can come up with an alternative program to meet the guidelines set by the law. But that program needs to be approved by the Crime Commission before the operative date of this particular bill. If it is denied or if the Crime Commission cannot work with the county, then they will have to comply with this particular statute and would be given a year of transition to get it involved. So, Senator Rasmussen, it does give the flexibility that they can come up with another program. It must be approved by the Crime Commission within the time of where this bill would take effect, but also if they could not agree, they cannot get...or it's denied, they would then fall under the mandates of this proposal and would have to do so within one year. It also makes one further change on page 10. It strikes "as soon as