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opposed vote no. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 28 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BAACK: Debate has ceased. I will go to Senator Withem to close on your amendment.

SENATOR WITHEM: Yes, in essence, and one more time to try to get the flavor of this particular amendment, it is not designed to be a...as are some of the other commissions we've empowered where we've given people huge appropriations or slight appropriations or whatever appropriations with years to work and hiring consultants and all of that, it's not meant to be that kind of study. The other alternative would have been to have introduced a study resolution but sometimes those tend to get lost and what I wanted to do was put something in the bill that gave a sense of direction to the two departments that we, in the Legislature, are concerned beyond that as simply saying, yeah, this is something we need to look into some day. A date by which we want to get some sort of unified recommendation back from those two departments is what this is all about. One thing I neglected to say, and I talked about potential makeup of the commission, I would feel that also that we would not be violating the Lincoln Journal separation of powers argument too severely if we did indicate that it's a problem all policymakers ought to be working on and that the Legislative Fiscal Office, the Health and Human Services Committee, the Education Committee, the Appropriations Committee within the Legislature ought also to be in on some of these discussions as a policy recommendation is being made. Having clarified those two points, hopefully, I would urge support for the amendment.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Withem. You've heard the closing on the amendment offered by Senator Withem. We'll now vote on the amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 28 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of Senator Withem's amendment.

SPEAKER BAACK: The amendment is adopted.

CLERK: I have nothing further on the bill, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Will.