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PRESIDENT ROBAK: Chair recognizes Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Madam President, members of the body. This amendment will...should not be as controversial as it was last night. Since we've already agreed to the portion in the first bill, LB 830, it's not quite as important that we redo it in 829. So the amendment simply states that on page 1, line 5, strike from line 5 through line 2 on page 2. And then starting...the Section 2 would actually start on line 3 of page 2, it's the policy of this state to make revision. So, basically, it would strike from lines 5 on page 1 through line 2 of page 2, not the entire section because I think the paragraph from 3...lines 3 to lines 9 on page 2 are important for the continuity and the concept of the bill. That's the nature of the amendment.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Withem.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Yeah, as a process accommodation here, I believe I'll be supporting the amendment, let me explain to you why. Last night we had some fairly long debate about the nature of the findings and declarations language in LB 830. This is very similar language in LB 829. I believe this is the substance of the amendment that Senator Hall had drafted but is not here to pursue. I think we had a consensus on the floor last night that, yes, we need some findings and declaration language, but the nature of the language as it now existed in LB 830 perhaps was not appropriate. The same language is...some of the same language reappears in LB 829. I'm not as convinced that it is as necessary in 829 as it was in 830 because it is not attempting to do a constitutional sort of interpretation. Perhaps the best thing to do at this moment would be to support the Bernard-Stevens amendment to remove this language and then work off the floor to find the appropriate sort of language, if any is needed, to reinsert in this place. So I'll be voting for this amendment at this time.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator. Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Madam President, members of the Legislature, this obviously strikes the section that was in the original bill rather than the committee amendment, so I suppose I will yield to the opinion of the introducer. But I want to...I would be