

same amendment, is this the amendment that the bill draft...where in the bill drafter combined the four that I gave you?

CLERK: Yes, sir, AM0836 is what I have in front of me.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay, members of the Legislature, you also have this amendment in front of you. In the form that is in front of you, it is divided into its four component parts, so you should have one sheet stapled together identified as AM0813, 814, 815, and 830. This is all one amendment. It is in four parts for your inspection. This particular amendment goes some ways toward dispelling some of the skepticism I have about this process. However, they are not designed to kill the process. They are designed to try to be helpful. The first amendment, which is 0813 simply broadens out a little bit the approval process and the selection process with regard to delegates, and simply indicates that the Speaker, who we now have designated as the person appointing the delegates, would do so with the approval of the Executive Board of the Legislative Council. The Legislative Council, the Executive Board, of course, are the people chosen by you and I, so at least in some sense, I feel that that's a little more representative since we all have our representatives on the Exec Board. That makes me a little more comfortable. AM0814 directs itself towards what I felt was a small defect in terms of requiring, under the current language, that the six delegates be equally chosen from the two major political parties and ignoring the fact that there are, in fact, some independents in this Legislature, and it is possible that one of them may be chosen or could be chosen. And so all this does is to allow for that possibility and restate that in the event of that possibility the major political parties would be represented as closely as possible, given that fact. So that's also relatively minor. The third aspect of the amendment, 0815 on your sheet, indicates that no vote of this state's delegation on an action plan shall be authorization by this state to forward the states' petition to the national government until the Legislature has approved such vote. All this is doing is putting some language in to flush out what I understood to be the intent of the parties, and that is that once this conference has met, and once they have come up with an action plan, that before that action plan goes to the national government, it comes back to this Legislature for approval. I understand that to be...to have been the original intent process all along. The advantage of that to me and why that makes me